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## Germans to tour

By LES SHORROCK

The Soceroos could be facing one of West Germany's leading club teams in a series of games early next year, as well as playing against the Soviet Olympic team, ASF executive director Brian Emery said this week.

The ASF is negotiating with two Bundesliga clubs, one of which definitely will come here for a week during the West German close season.

The Societs will be here during the first two weeks of February, and probably will start their tour in the west, playing Western Australia in Perth, then South Australia in Adelaide, while the Soceroos will be playing the Germans in the eastern states.

There won't be enough time for the Germans, the Soviets and the Soceroos to meet in a triangular tournament, Emery said.

In January, the Australian youth team will be playing the

Oceania elimination tournament in New Zealand. That tournament runs from January 17 to 26, and if the young Soceroos win, they will gain automatic entry into the World Youth Cup Finals in Chile in October 1987.

The Under-16 national team will also be featured in an Oceania elimination tournament which will be held in Chinese Taipei between December 6 and 14. If it wins through, it will be in the World Cup Finals in Canada in June, 1987.

## New NSL sponsor?

The NSL almost certainly has lost its \$200,000-a-year sponsorship from Olympic Airways.

League chairman Sam Papasavas said on his return from talks with the airline to Greece that the company was not sympathetic to extending its agreement, which expires at the end of the season.

Other sources suggest that the league has secured sponsorship of at least \$200,000 a year over three years from other companies.

One of the companies is said to be a Japanese manufacturer of power tools.

Olympic Airways has been backing the NSL for the past two years, by providing airline tickets for sale by the club and league.

The company now is expected to shift its sponsorship to South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney Olympic.

— HELEN SCHWAB



● Andrew Zinni's hat-trick against South Melbourne Hellas on Sunday clinched the Southern Division championship for Brunswick Juventus. Peter Desina reports on the big game on page 6. Picture: LES SHORROCK

## Nanda Cup Final furore

Sydney City Hakoah is livid over the decision to play the Nanda National Cup Final in Adelaide to night (Wednesday). The match starts at 7.

The NSL Executive decided to award home ground advantage to Adelaide Hellas on the grounds, according to league manager Peter Russell, "that the competition was originally started by the clubs to gain income".

"It is anticipated that having the match in Adelaide will ensure a better gate," he said.

To which Hakoah manager-coach Eddie Thomson's retort was to remind the decision-makers that the recent match between Hellas and Canberra at Hindmarsh "attracted" a gate of \$3200, which converts to approximately 700 people.

Thomson expressed bitter relief that the final is only a one-leg affair, "or we might have been playing one game in Adelaide and the other in Melbourne."

"We have had only one match at home this year, probably due to a slip-up by someone in the NSL. In fact, in 10 years of the Cup I can only recall Hakoah ever having three home matches," Thomson claimed.

Small consolation for Thomson and his team, but NSL manager Russell did express the hope that the Cup will be reorganised into an event that places the emphasis on soccer instead of just dollars and cents.

The hope of many is that this does eventually, otherwise that little credibility the competition does have now surely will evaporate.

— PETER SCOTT

## Slater Player of the Year

Robbie Slater is "Soccer Action's" Ametco Travel NSL Player of the Year.

The Blacktown ace clinched the prestigious award by polling five votes against Sydney Olympic Slater and Theo Selamidis of Heidelberg went into last weekend's final NSL round locked together on 60 votes but Slater's only polled three votes as Heidelberg went down 2-0 to Adelaide City Juventus. Slater wins a return trip to Europe, flying Thai International.

Another "Soccer Action" winner is Sydney Croatia's Graeme Arnold, who topped our Mitre Sports Top Goalscorer list with 16 league goals, four ahead of John Kosmina of Sydney City Hakoah.

Arnold wins a magnificent trophy and a complete equipment kit from Mitre. The value of the prize is \$500.

Our Medibank Private NSL Under 21 Player of the Year award, worth \$250, was won by dashing South Melbourne Hellas and Soceroo defender Angie Postecoglou. Newcastle Rosebud and former youth Soceroo Sean Ingham was second.

The big winners in the Victorian State League were Keith Adams of Springvale City and Ian Stirling of Morwell Falcons.

Adams, the former Ringwood Wilhelmia and Melbourne Croatia player, is widely acknowledged as the finest sweeper in the State League and he won our Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year award. Adams polled 28 votes, four ahead of striker Ally Dick of Frankston Pines. Sweeper Robert Krajacic of St Albans Dinamo finished third with 23 votes.

Adams wins a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Stirling, with 20 goals, was streets ahead of the field in our Pakenham Mitsubishi State League Top Scorer award. Runner-up, with 14 goals, was Croydon striker Graham French. Stirling wins \$400.

"Soccer Action's" NSW State League winners won't be announced until October 11 when a gala function will be held at the Fraternity Club in Fairy Meadow.

"Soccer Action" wishes to thank all its sponsors for providing us with the best array of awards in Australian soccer.

Finals fever comes to Melbourne and Sydney on Sunday and if last weekend's last round of the NSL is any guide, we should be in for a feast of good soccer.

At St. George Stadium in Sydney, fourth-placed Marconi meets fifth-placed Sydney Hakoah in the elimination final at 1pm, then Sydney Olympic, which finished second, meets third-placed St. George in the qualifying final.

In Melbourne, at Olympic Park, the first game pits Sunshine George Cross against Heidelberg Alexander in the elimination final, followed by the qualifying final between

Footscray JUST and Adelaide City Juventus.

Marconi had a great 3-0 win over Canberra City last weekend as a warm-up for the finals, and it will no doubt be hoping that Sydney Hakoah will have some sort of hang-over following its Nanda Cup Final against Adelaide Hellas in Adelaide tonight (Wednesday).

Marconi won't be fooled by Sydney Hakoah's recent loss to Wollongong. Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson, faced with some suspensions and injuries to key players, gambled on his side's goal superiority over its nearest rivals, and fielded a very

inexperienced team. The gamble paid off. Although Hakoah lost it retained a finals berth, and provided nothing goes wrong tonight, Marconi will face a team welcoming back about seven first-team players. Sydney Olympic, still facing a takeover bid from TV impresario Harry Michaels, has shaken off its recent jitters with two good wins in successive weeks, and with Marshall Soper restored to favor and Vincente Estavillo firing, should have too much firepower for the Saints.

Olympic coach Manny

Continental p.4

## Papasavas: we won't budge

George Cross and Melbourne Croatia have made the cut, but Newcastle Rosebud has failed to preserve its National League status as a result of last weekend's final round.

Among the 10 clubs dropping out of the new league, according to the points table issued by the NSL, are four of the 14 clubs which kicked off the NSL in 1977.

They are: Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, Adelaide Hellas and Canberra.

This means that the national competition now will be played in only three cities — Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide — at least until 1988.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas this week firmly dismissed speculation that any club that missed the cut when the league is reduced to 14 clubs would receive preferential treatment.

"I can assure you that no club that fails to fulfil the criteria will receive preference at the expense of another one that has qualified."



● Sam Papasavas

Referring to criticism that the standings of the clubs, released each week by the league office, vary from those calculated by "Soccer Action," Papasavas said that the league's figures have not included a crowd factor.

"We hope that we don't have to include the crowd figures because we realise that they can be open to misinterpretation," said Papasavas.

The figures below are provisional until they are ratified by

the league executive this week, and then they will have to be endorsed by the ASF.

They do not include crowd figures, which will not change the standings anyway.

Here are the standings, according to the NSL:

- 81.7 B Juventus
- 80.0 Syd. Croatia
- 72.1 Syd. Hakoah
- 66.9 Syd. Olympic
- 65.5 Heidelberg
- 65.5 Marconi
- 63.8 St. George
- 62.4 Ad. Juventus
- 58.1 Footscray
- 54.7 Makedonia
- 53.9 SM. Hellas
- 50.8 Geo. Cross
- 44.2 APIA
- 44.2 M Croatia
- 40.6 B Lions
- 39.2 Newcastle
- 34.5 Wollongong
- 32.7 Ad. Hellas
- 31.6 Blacktown
- 26.2 Canberra
- 24.2 T Monaro
- 21.2 Bris. City
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— LES SHORROCK



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# NSW clubs to vote on restructuring

THE NSW federation has called its member clubs to a meeting on Tuesday, October 7.

At the meeting it will outline its plans for restructuring all the NSW leagues in 1987.

NSW secretary Aulden Brown stressed this week, however, that the meeting depended on the NSL having made its final decision on which of the Northern Division clubs will be relegated.

"Certain proposals will be put to the clubs," said Brown. "and if they accept them, all well and good. If they don't, then it's back to the drawing board."

# Bobby Flavell recalls the Bogota affair

By LES SHORROCK

A very interested spectator at recent matches in Melbourne has been a smallish, rather rotund man with a ruddy face and twinkle in his eye.

To look at him, you'd never guess that he was once one of Scotland's deadliest and most skilful strikers.

He is, of course, Bobby Flavell, over here visiting his son Gordon, the ex-Preston Make-donia and now Fawcett midfielder.

Bobby Flavell would have been a lot more famous had it not been for the Second World War, because he was unable to make his full international debut until 1947.

The period between 1939 and 1947 represents a huge gap in official football records, because war-time internationalists, as they were called, were not recognised as full internationalists.

The authorities encouraged some sport during the war, and professional footballers like Flavell, who were in the forces, played for the nearest club, according to where they were stationed.

Flavell guested mostly for Arsenal, but was always in demand for charity matches.

In 1942 he had the honor of being presented to the King of England, George VI, at Windsor, before playing for Scotland against England.

But his career had begun long before that, in fact at the tender age of 13 he was training full-time in Airdrie.

"What happened," says Bobby, "one of the directors at Airdrie was a schoolmaster, and he arranged with my schoolmaster for me to be let off school Tuesday morning to train full-time with the Airdrie

players. Tuesday was wood-work day, and they reckoned my education wouldn't suffer if I missed it."

Airdrie reckoned he was "too wee" for the hurly-burly of professional football and he was loaned for six months to a famous Junior club, Kirkintilloch Rob Roy. But as soon as he turned 17 he was recalled,



● A white cap, a pair of glasses and just a face in the crowd. Bobby Flavell

# The race is on to sign the NBSL'S 'discards'

Can you see this as a Soccerroo formation? I can.

Tony Franken in goal. Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn as centre backs. Ralph Maier at right back and Alan Niven at left. In the four-man midfield: Gary Byrne, Jimmy Cant, Graham Honeyman, Lou Hristodoulou. Up front Robbie Slater and Sean Ingham.

You've guessed it. They're all players from clubs not likely to be playing in next year's Victorian NSL.

And, with a couple of veterans apart, it's not a bad team is it? Every one of them either a current, former or young Soccerroo.

But there are others: Crook, Hummel, Zaimi, Zrilic, Vlietstra, Giraldi, Palacios, Giampaolo, Cumming, Mark Jones, Russell Stewart, Danny Wright, Senkalski, Curits, Denyer, Ward.

Adelaide City's defenders must have wondered by now where Yankos and Dunn will play next season, for it must be presumed they would prefer to stay in Adelaide. Or Hristodoulou who, with a current young Soccerroo guernsey, is still too young to want to contemplate an overseas appointment.

Goalkeepers in Sydney, too, must be a little jittery about Tony Franken's migration to the Big Smoke. Sydney City and Croatia are rumoured to be after him and, if the choice be made, you can put your money on the latter. As I write, no less than five Sydney clubs are after him.

Slater was an interested spectator at the recent Marconi-Sydney Croatia match and his name already has been linked to Croatia. As, incidentally, has Dunn's. Indeed, Sydney Croatia tried to sign him earlier this year.

Maier, Ingham and that Newcastle goal machine Mark Jones have not yet been linked with other clubs —

# BOUHOUTSOS FOR AEK!

By LES SHORROCK

Yet another Australian player soon could be joining the ranks of expatriates like Jim Patikas, Oscar Crino, Davie Mitchell and Eddie Krncevic.

Goalkeeper George Bouhoutsos, 17, understood to Gary Meier at Sydney Olympic, has been offered a chance to join Patikas at Greek First Division club AEK Athens.

The offer came through close family friend Con Tzavellas, who also arranged Patikas's move.

Tzavellas, a former Canterbury-Marrickville committeeman, has watched Bouhoutsos since the talented goalie was 11.

Bouhoutsos wasn't always a goalkeeper. He started playing for Pagewood-Botany at the tender age of seven. He was a striker then, but when he was nine, the club's goalkeeper

went overseas and Bouhoutsos took over.

And he stepped in to such good effect that he went on to play at under 13, 14, 15 and under 16 levels for NSW, the Australian under 15s in the Oceania tournament, and then was a member of the Australian under 16 squad that played in China last year.

During that time, Bouhoutsos progressed from Botany to Canterbury-Marrickville for two years, then on to Sydney City Hakoah for a year, before joining his favourite club, Olympic.

Two people have had a great influence on his career, specialist goalkeeper coach Nick Sokolov, who used to play for St George, "who taught me all I

know about goalkeeping", and national youth coach Les Scheinflug.

"Scheinflug had a great influence on my attitude," says Bouhoutsos, "and going overseas with him taught me to approach my game much more professionally."

His respect for Scheinflug is such that he will discuss the AEK offer and the bearing it might have on his Australian future with the coach when the national youth squad assembles for a training camp on September 30.

Bouhoutsos has a two-year contract with Olympic which expires at the end of this season. If he goes to Greece, probably in December, it will be with the club's blessing.

season finished, the British players returned to face stiff penalties.

"It was good in Bogota," recalls Flavell. "There were lots of good players there, like Di Stefano, and the ball was always on the ground being knocked around. The spectators loved it."

"But when I got back, Hearts let me down. The SFA secretary, Sir George Graham, said to me that if Hearts appealed for leniency for me, I'd get off lightly, but they didn't want to know. So I was suspended for four months and fined £150, a big sum for a player in those days, but I should have appealed, because after the George Eastham restraint of trade case, I reckon I would have won."

After Bogota, Hearts transferred Flavell to Dundee ("the best club I was ever with"), and he nearly won a Scottish Cup winners medal with the Blues.

It was there that he played with the man he regards as his favourite Scottish player of them all, Billy Steel, who had just returned from Derby County.

Hearts met Motherwell in the 1952 Scottish Cup Final and

Olympic president Tom Doumanis says: "Good luck to him. We won't be standing in his way. He represents an investment for us, because when he comes back he'll be a much better player for the experience."

Bouhoutsos sees it that way too.

"Going to China was a big eye-opener for me, not only because the country itself was so different, but because we also got the opportunity to watch how other countries, like West Germany, went about their training."

"I honestly believe that at under 16 and youth level we have as much skill here as there is anywhere in the world. But after that, because of their professionalism and full-time training, the rest of the world leaves us behind."

were considered a racing certainty.

"We'd tanked 'em twice in the league, and we'd taken five off them in the League Cup semi-final, but on the day, you've guessed it, we lost the Final 4-1. But we had the satisfaction of beating Rangers in the '52 League Cup Final and we won that Cup again the next year."

Flavell, a long-time teetotaler, played with St. Mirren after his stint with Dundee and finally hung up his boots in 1958, at the age of 38, after 25 years in the game.

About the modern players he says: "They seem obsessed with the first touch. You'd think the ball was red-hot, and no-one seems confident enough to take players on any more."

"I think modern managers instil this fear into them, but after all, when you get the ball, it's you who has to make the decision, not the manager."

When you ask him about Australian soccer, he answers diplomatically: "It seemed better when I was here before, four years ago. I used to watch South Melbourne then, and I was very impressed with Oscar Crino, but you tell me he's gone to Cyprus. What a pity."



● George Bouhoutsos

# Cosmos Super Cup '86

The biggest indoor soccer tournament in Australia kicks off at the Cosmos Indoor Soccer Centre in Dandenong, Victoria, in October and Ansett and Brisbane City Travelodge this week announced their sponsorship of the 64-team competition.

The Cosmos Super Cup '86 starts on October 4 and the first round will be played on a round-robin basis involving 16 groups of four teams each. The second main round, involving the top two teams of each group, will be run on a knock-out basis.

The winning team will receive \$2,000, the runner-up \$500, the third-placed team \$300 and the fourth-placed team will receive \$200.

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largely because Newcastle was doing well of late — but you can bet all three will move.

Niven, Byrne, Honeyman, Cant, Crook, Giampaolo, Cumming and Senkalski are all well into the latter half of their careers and they might well opt for the more subdued world of the State leagues.

But the battle will surely be on for those exciting imports Zrilic Zaimi and particularly Augusto Palacios. The Canberra Peruvian has been the import hit of the league this year. A crafty playmaker, which just about every team lacks, and a scorer of goals, any club not enquiring about his services is, in plain terms, being silly.

And I suggest they move fast. Palacios already has put out feelers for a new home in Australia although I hear he is toying with the idea of bettering himself abroad, perhaps in Greece.

And then there are those two exciting Queenslanders, Russell Stewart and Danny Wright.

Stewart is, remember, a current Soccerroo (even if he didn't get a game against Czechoslovakia) while Danny Wright still is young and good enough to perhaps one day be one. Both should be on the move south.

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**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 1** (Ingham 18th) **ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2** (Fletcher 16th, 64th) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: about 3000.

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD** Gosling 8 — Miosovic 6, Banon 6, Owens 7, Cavanah 7 — Naumov 6, Meier 8, McQuarrie 8 — Ingham 8, Heap 6 (Garland H.T. 6), Jones 7 Coach Peter Irving

**ST GEORGE BUDAPEST** Greedy 7 — Skeen 6, M.O. Shea 6, Ratcliffe 7, R.O. Shea 7 — Ricosy 8, Orszagh 9, Moffitt 7 — Petkovski (in) Ollershaw 30th, 8 sub. Slavicek 88th, Koczka 7, Fletcher 9 Coach Frank Arko

**Sydney Croatia 3** (Cinch 16th, Petkovic 28th and 30th), **INTER MONARO 2** (Walsh 19th, Carbone 42nd), at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5689.

**SYDNEY CROATIA** Watson 7 — Jennings 7, Razo 8, M. Kovacic 7, Savor 8 — Cinch 9, Odzakovic 7, Petkovic 8 (Istaiti 75th), Junn 7 (A. Kovacic 66th), Arnold 8, Lamond 7 Coach Vedran Razo

**INTER MONARO** Hoszowski 7 — Tullawa 7 (Ambrosino 56th), Gaglietti 6, Budini 7, Walsh 8 — Wotherspoon 7, Carbone 6, Djordjeski 9 — Brennan 7, Pernovic 7, Giam-polo 8 (Wilcox 62nd) Coaches: Steve Hoszowski and Harry Williams

**Best six for Ametco Travel award:** 6. Cinch (Croatia), 5. Djordjeski (Inter), 4. Carbone (Inter), 3. Razo (Croatia), 2. Petkovic (Croatia), 1. Walsh (Inter)

**APIA 3** (Turnbull 21st, Parison 45th and 86th) **CANTERBURY 0** at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1255.

**APIA** Pezzano 7 — Stewart 7, Bozanic 7, Bertogna 7, Brown 6 — Bundalo 6 (Baran 46th, 55) (Brady 79th), Hristovski 6, Turnbull 7, Butler 8 — Lorens 7, Parison 7 Coach Rale Rasic

**CANTERBURY** Barker 6 — Akoutas 6, Svinos 7, Hanitios 6 (Papaythos 89th), Hantios 6 — Zaimi 7, Kalogeros 6 (Pettas 5, 24th), Zrik 7, Fiermatas 6 — Borges 7, Licata 6, Coach Dom Kapetanovic

**Best six for Ametco Travel award:** 6. Butler (A), 5. Bertogna (A), 4. Pezzano (A), 3. Zrik (Cm), 2. Lorens (A), 1. Zaimi (Cm)

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1** (Raskopolos 72nd) **BLACKTOWN CITY 0** at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3222.

**OLYMPIC** Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Kaloz 9, Branch 8, Spanoudakis 6 — Raskopolos 7, Estavillo 6, Phillips 6 (Katholos 58th — 7), Soper 5, Patisis 7, Kalantzis 7

**BLACKTOWN** Hoare 7 — Vills 7, Answorth 7, Denyer 8, Northam 7 — Byrne 6, Kay 5, Elen 7, Slater 8, Carroll 6, Quarumby 6

**Best six for the Ametco Travel award:** 6. Meier (SO), 5. Slater (BC), 4. Estavillo (SO), 3. Branch (SO), 2. Denyer (BC), 1. Coady (SO)

**WOLLONGONG CITY 2** (Brodnick 2nd, Morlando 47th) **SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0** at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 754.

**WOLLONGONG CITY** Young 7 — Green 7, Chilby 7, Morlando 4, Gaffney 6 — Gradi 6, Cokely 6, Kontamendis 6 — Stevanovski 4, Brodnick 7, Easthorpe 7, Coach John Fleming

**HAKOAH** Hughes 8 — Rodrigues 7, Hooker 7, Robertson 4, Barratt 6 — Patterson 7, Harper 6 (Parish 62nd), Souness — Saad 5, Farrina 7 (Shure 69th), Lee 5, Coach: Eddie Thomson

**Best six for Ametco Travel award:** 6. Hughes (H), 5. Brodnick 4, Green (both W), 3. Farrina 2, Souness (both H), 1. Green (W)

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 4** (Markovski 53rd and 69th, Faulkner 7th, Mitten 32nd) **ADELAIDE HELLAS 2** (Ward pen 28th, Dunn 40th) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2360.

**GEORGE CROSS** Keogh 7 — James 7, Richardson 8, Parton 7, Campbell 8 — Bain 9, Faulkner 7, MacIaren 7, Markovski 9 — Mitten 7 (Edwards 83rd), Gilder 7, Coach John Gardiner

**ADELAIDE HELLAS** Sproule 6 — Brown 7 (sent off 79th), Yankos 8, Hiam 7, Scott 8 — Aspas 4 (Manou 62nd), Dunn 8, Honeymeyer 7, Panagis 7 — Papadopoulos 7 (Konstantopoulos 7, half time —), Ward 7, Coach: Edmund Krefl

**Best six for Ametco Travel award:** 6. Ward 7, 5. Markovski (SGC), 5. Bain (SGC), 4. Richardson (SGC), 3. Scott (AH), 2. Dunn (AH), 1. Yankos (AH)

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA 4** (Cole 2nd, 65th, Smith 63rd, Sifkas 77th), **BRISBANE CITY 0** at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2150.

**MAKEDONIA** Trahanes 7 — Opanis 7, Woodall 6, Dobson 7, Ilioski 7 — Sifkas 7, Campbell 7, Roodhouse 6, Heys 6 (in) Smith 7 half time — Cole 8, Lane 7, Coach: Bill Murray

**BRISBANE CITY** Harrison 6 — Fabrizio 6, Vasquez 6, Perry 7, Archer 6 — Chapman 6 (Catalano 68th), Caird 6, Mengotti 6, Letten 6 — Cooper 7, Res 7, Coach: Billy Wilkinson

**Best six for Ametco Travel award:** 6. Cole (Mak), 5. Ilioski (Mak), 4. Sifkas (Mak), 3. Perry (BC), 2. Dobson (Mak), 1. Res (BC)

**MARCONI 3** (R. Brown 26th and 68th, E'Ali 47th), **CANBERRA CITY 0** at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 998.

**CANBERRA** Tony Franken 7 — Mazis 7 (Mihalidis 64th), Dunn 7, Cam 8, Bryan 8 — Harkins 7, Seremans 7, Palacios 7 — Phillips 7, Byrne 7, Gibson 7, Coach: Steve Bryant

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
BRUNSWICK JUV	11	6	5	37	21	28
FOOTSCRAY JUST	10	8	4	29	27	28
ADELAIDE JUV	10	7	5	32	19	27
GEORGE CROSS	8	11	3	26	17	27
HEIDELBERG	9	8	5	35	25	26
Makedonia	8	9	5	30	20	25
S. Melb Hellas	10	5	7	27	20	25
Bris Lions	7	5	10	27	29	19
Adelaide Hellas	7	4	11	26	34	18
Melbourne Croatia	6	6	10	25	33	18
Brisbane City	3	7	12	18	46	13
Green Gully	2	6	14	16	38	10

### NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	14	4	4	43	18	32
OLYMPIC	9	9	4	33	22	27
ST GEORGE	11	5	6	33	29	27
MARCONI	9	7	6	35	25	23
SYD. HAKOAH	8	8	6	36	27	24



# TYRONE JAMES TO JUVENTUS?

**Geo. Cross 4  
Adel. Hellas 2**  
Scorers: 1-0 Faulkner 7th,  
1-1 Ward pen. 28th, 2-1 Mitten  
32nd, 2-2 Dunn 40th, 3-2  
Markovski 53rd, 4-2 Markovski 59th.  
Venue: Chaplin Reserve.  
Crowd: 2360.  
Referee: Duilio Monteverde (Old 5).



## Laurie Schwab

Cautions: Brown (AH), Yankos (AH), Parton (SGC).  
Sent off: Brown (AH) 79th.  
George Cross finished the home-and-away series with only three defeats — less than any of the other 23 NSL clubs. And according to president Alf Zahra — who heaped praise on coach John Gardiner — the Cross was dead unlucky not to win at least half of the 11 games that finished in draws.

In other words, the Cross, by Zahra's reckoning, should have been way ahead in the championship race.

That aside, George Cross now has a real chance of becoming Australian champions. These were the players who saw their spirited opening half hour and its all-action closing sequence, combined with the phenomenal play of 16-year-old John Markovski and midfielder Roger Bain — not to mention the defensive strength of Steve Richardson and John Campbell — would have to give George Cross a big, big chance of emerging with the ultimate accolade.

The Cross hadn't scored four goals in any other game this season. It was more renowned for 1-1 or 0-0 draws. But when a result mattered, the men from Sunshine showed they were capable of anything the moment demanded.

Now for the finals. George Cross meets Heidelberg in the sudden-death final at Olympic Park on Sunday and it must be remembered that in their two league games this year, they drew. No draws are possible in the finals, so it may come down to a showdown between the two goalkeepers — Sean Keogh and Jeff Oliver.

Apart from finishing in fourth place by beating Adelaide Hellas 4-2, and also qualifying for the reduced 1987 NSL, George Cross took the Southern Division youth championship as well.

Jimmy Rooney's boys beat Brighton 5-1, with goals by Boris Bozinevski (2), Tony Jankulovski, Alex Kyriazopoulos and Richard Falzon. Bill Magarelli was sent off in the 83rd minute and S. Anagnostou scored Brighton's goal. Watch out for Andrew Marth next season. He's sure to be in the Cross's senior squad.

It remains to be seen whether he replaces Tyrone James. Brunswick-Juventus is said to have offered James an \$8000 signing-on fee to switch camps. George Cross is preparing to make James a counter-offer to keep him at "home." James, meanwhile, is sure to be a leading contender for the Rothmans Medal and the Press award for the Victorian NSL Player of the Year. Other leading candidates are Theo Selemidis and Alan Hunter of Heidelberg.

Gardiner's secret — apart from expert coaching — has been team-work. It was all for one and one for all throughout the season.

Adelaide Hellas, meanwhile, made more changes than the team could cope with. Its huge outlay on Yankos, Dunn, Ward, McLaughlin and Hristodoulou (what happened to McLaughlin) came to nought, as Adelaide Hellas has failed to qualify for the 1987 NSL. At least they're in the National Cup Final.

One wonders what will happen to the Adelaide Hellas stars next season. Surely Yankos will return to Melbourne, while Dunn, Hristodoulou and a few more will be on the shopping lists of other NSL clubs.

Apart from getting the George Cross seniors into

**Man of the match:**  
**JOHN MARKOVSKI**  
(Geo. Cross)

fourth place and hoisting the youths to the championship, George Cross coaches John Gardiner, Jimmy Rooney and John Webb also savored success as players with Chelsea which was promoted from the Second Division of the Provi-

sional League. Another eminent player at Chelsea is Jimmy Smart (ex-Lions, George Cross, Juventus and Victoria).

With Noel Mitten and Don MacLaren back in the George Cross line-up, the home team started with Jeff Faulkner heading home a cross from Don MacLaren in the 7th minute. Tyrone James accidentally touched the ball with his forearm in the 28th minute, allowing Gary Ward to equalise from the penalty spot.

From a cross by Markovski, Mitten headed George back

into the lead but by half time, it was 2-2, as Robbie Dunn scored with a spectacular volley while falling sideways.

Mitten and Carl Gilder worked the ball square across the box for Markovski to score with a sensational spinning shot just inside the far post in the 53rd minute. Keogh pushed a header by Dunn over the crossbar, and at the other end, Gilder missed with a first-time header following a cross by Markovski.

John Panagis missed after a through ball from substitute George Konstadopoulos, and

then Chris Manou came on to replace Steve Atsalas in Hellas's midfield.

Mitten laid the ball square for Markovski to steady, pick his spot and make it 4-2 for George Cross in the 69th minute, and Gilder missed a sitter with a first-time shot following great lead-up play by Bain and MacLaren.

Dunn failed twice for Adelaide Hellas and then Tim Brown, who earlier had been shown the yellow card, was sent off for pushing Gilder to the ground.

## Hakoah's young lions tamed

**Syd. Hakoah 0  
Wollongong 2**  
Scorers: Brodnick 2nd,  
Morlando penalty 47th.  
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.  
Crowd: 754.  
Cautions: Chilly, Girdell (W); Peterson (Syd. H).  
Referee: Graham Warr 5.



## Peter Scott

It was the new faces (of 1987 or 1988?) when Hakoah — assured of a finals spot — took on Wollongong, who will resume next year in State League football.

With St. George Budapest's win the night before removing the threat of Newcastle and a Cup Final looming up three days hence in Adelaide, Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson shuffled his cards and came up with a combination which had his team's supporters rubbing their eyes in surprise.

Missing were the injured Tommy McCulloch and Murray Barnes, as were Joe Watson and Jean Paul de Marigny, kept in reserve for the Adelaide outing and sitting on 11 points, one away from an automatic suspension.

Add to this list the suspended Steve O'Connor (three matches), Gerry Gomez (two) and John Kosmina who was sitting out the second of his two game banishment, and it was an unusual looking Hakoah combination, indeed.

Wollongong thus had a chance for some rare glory in its final NSL appearance and, thanks to a couple of uncharacteristic lapses by the vastly experienced Alex Robertson, did return home with a couple of points.

In the second minute the Hakoah stopper misdirected a

backpass, allowing Pat Brodnick to score.

He compounded this "sin" by handling in the identical minute of the second half, with Giacomo Morlando confidently converting the penalty kick.

Before the break we saw some skills displayed, but after the break and the second goal Hakoah's colts ran out of ideas and the visitors never looked threatening.

Although especially in the first half the Blues, through the long range sharpshooting of

Souness and the keenness of Farina and Saad, had the chances to equalise and even hit the front, the main interest centred on Thomson's "new faces".

The most competent seemed to be 17-year-old full back David Barratt, a member of the Australian Under 16 side which competed with such great distinction in the World Cup in China last year.

Barratt looked very capable indeed and grabbed his chance at the top with calm confidence. He joined Hakoah last year after first leaving a suburban amateur side to trial with

Aberdeen in Scotland.

It was the Scottish club's manager Alex Ferguson who recommended him to Thomson.

Barratt and the other youngsters tried gamely to rise to the occasion, but on the day they couldn't quite match a very ordinary Wollongong team which made no mistake in capitalising on the two chances that came its way in a clash which matched the dullness of a rainy, gloomy day in Sydney.

## Two-goal Fletcher

**Newcastle 1  
St. George 2**  
Scorers: Fletcher 16th,  
64th (St. G); Ingham 18th (N).  
Venue: Adamstown Oval.  
Crowd: about 3,000.  
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

**Man of the match:**  
**MIKLOS ORSZAGH**  
(St. George)

Its ability to adopt better to the conditions helped St. George to overcome a stubborn Newcastle Rosebud in a game marred by driving rain.

After Newcastle had held the Saints to a half-time scoreline of 1-1, it wilted in the second period and but for fine goalkeeping by New Zealand international Clint Gosling would have gone down by a bigger margin than the final 2-

1 scoreline.

St. George went ahead in the 16th minute, when striker Graeme Fletcher reacted quickly to smother Ross Milosovic's clearance, and slammed the ball past Gosling.

However, Newcastle struck back quickly, and only two minutes later, Neil Owens cleared away down the left and

crossed hard for Sean Ingham to bring the ball under control at the second attempt and beat St. George goalkeeper Terry Greedy from close range.

In the second half, it became a case of St. George versus Gosling, and eventually the breakthrough came in the 63rd minute.

Miklos Orszagh got clear down the right and crossed accurately for Fletcher to notch his second goal.

After the game, Newcastle coach Peter Irving, while disappointed at the result which spelt the end of National League soccer in Newcastle, said St. George was the better team on the night and thoroughly deserved its win.

**KNUT WERNER**



● George Cross' championship-winning youth team. The players are, back row: S. Markovski, club official, A. Kyriazopoulos, r. Falzon, A. Marth, T. Markovski, B. Bozinevski, T. Jankulovski, L. Naticevski. Front row: R. Malovic, Z. Georgievski, N. Lagoulis, R. Napoli, N. Maticovski, B. Magarelli.

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## NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA



### Sigur slams 14-team NSL

#### M. Croatia 3 Green Gully 1

Scorers: Paul Lewis 20th, 26th, Biskic 82nd (MC); G. Campbell 84th (GG).  
Venue: Olympic Park No. 1.  
Crowd: about 1,500  
Cautions: Redmond, Abrahams (MC); Carter (GG).  
Referee: Richard Lorenz 7.

Melbourne Croatia celebrated its win in the battle for NSL survival while former president Joe Sigur sounded a warning about playing in the elite, 14-team league planned for 1987.

"What's the point of paying out thousands of dollars just to



#### Craig MacKenzie

be in a league that might last a year or two? It's crazy," said Sigur.

"I'm glad I'm out of it. It's a waste of time because the only future in soccer in this country is a State League set-up with a system of play-offs at the end of the year to decide the national champion. Look, I know that most of the other NSL club

presidents know that I'm right but they're scared to come out and say it," added Sigur, who resigned as president of Croatia recently.

Sigur's comments did little to dampen Croatia's enthusiasm about staying in the NSL. The club's policy is to play at the highest level possible, despite the cost, and most club members are relishing the prospect of playing Sydney Croatia next year.

A man who won't be with Melbourne Croatia when those derbies are played is striker Laurie Abrahams, who flew back to his home just outside Los Angeles yesterday (Tuesday).

Abrahams played in a deep role against Gully with Paul Lewis alone up front for long periods. Abrahams was able to get a lot of the ball and use his superb disposal to good effect and Gully never came to terms with the way Croatia coach Terry Hennessy used Abrahams.

Gully defender Steve Douglas will want to forget this game in a hurry. I think that Douglas has a great future in NSL soccer but here he was roasted by Lewis, who showed signs of the power on the ball, the turns and the finishing that he'd become accustomed to a couple of seasons ago.

In the 12th minute, Josip Biskic robbed Les Carter and set up Lewis on the right of the Gully area. Lewis slammed an unstoppable shot against the bar.

But he made amends eight minutes later. Young Gully sweeper John Grimaud was in control as Lewis bore down on him. Grimaud dived on the ball fractionally too long and instead of knocking a simple pass-back to goalkeeper Charlie Sant allowed Lewis to rob him. Lewis then neatly slotted the ball wide of Sant and it was 1-0.

Lewis struck again in the 26th minute. Biskic crossed from the right, looking for Lewis at the far post. The cross was deep enough but Sant came off his line and stopped. That was enough to confuse Douglas whose header set up Lewis for a tap-in.

Lewis almost completed his hat-trick in the 31st minute. He was at the far post when a corner came over. The ball fell to him and he struck it well but

#### Man of the match: PAUL LEWIS (M. Croatia)

Tommy Cumming cleared off the line.

A stunning Lewis turn in the 36th minute left Douglas with twisted blood. Lewis knocked the ball low and hard into the near post where Steve Goejvic shot into Sant's body.

In the 42nd minute, Robert Markovac dispossessed Grimaud who was having a nightmare. Markovac motored down the right then cut the ball back to Abrahams who had a great scoring chance but decided to play a first time pass to Lewis. Unfortunately for Abrahams and Croatia, Lewis, although unmarked, was offside.

Tony Redmond blasted a left foot shot wide of the mark in the 65th minute and a minute later Abrahams ran onto Markovac's through ball only to hit the post.

Eight minutes were left when Abrahams played the ball into Biskic at the near post and Biskic's first time shot from close range made it 3-0. Two minutes later up bobbed the tireless George Campbell to convert a superb Scott Fraser pass from dead in front but by then Gully was well and truly beaten.

At least Gully had a go and deserves credit for playing its part in a very open and quite enjoyable game. Gully used Douglas and Fraser as markers with Grimaud sweeping up. Dave Hogben pushed up onto Goejvic so in effect Gully lined up in 3-4-3 formation with Cumming, Danny Ward and Campbell up front. The textbook looks probably would say that Gully was naive for opening up the way it did.

Only there was more "naivety", there might be more backslides on seats at matches in this country.

# Zinni settles battle of wits



#### Peter Desira

#### SM-Hellas 0 B. Juventus 3

Scorer: Zinni 57th, 73rd, 89th.

Venue: Middle Park Referee: Don Campbell 9

Cautions: Patterson

Andrew Zinni, a favorite of John Margaritis who has grown in esteem in Len McKendry's books this year, settled the latest in the war of nerves between the two by grabbing a stylish h hat-trick.

His three goals handed Juve the Southern Division championship and may have sparked off a mini revolution in the Hellas camp which is certain to gather steam in the coming weeks.

Neither McKendry nor Margaritis will openly admit to the bitter rivalry between the two but anyone who has doubts about the friction that exists between the two has obviously not been in touch with the Melbourne soccer scene.

And while practically everyone at Juventus remains grateful for Margaritis' achievements while he was with the club, president Joe Caruso believes that the atmosphere at Juve this year is far better under McKendry than it was under Margaritis.

This was a game we were never going to lose — the way we approached it this week was exceptional — the atmosphere was electric," McKendry said after the game.

To which Caruso added, "Last year the electricity was 240 volts, this year it was 240,000."

And while Juve's players trumped off for a night of celebration at Crystal Ts' night-club, a big band of Hellas supporters stayed behind after this game to bemoan all the slip-ups the club made this year and to immediately start the witch hunt for culprits from among the players, the coaching staff and the club's administrators.

And yet it could have been so different had Hellas taken its chances in the first half and been the side to go into the lead.

Hellas was the better side in the opening 45 minutes and should have opened the score in the 22nd minute when Charlie Egan got on the end of a Richard Miranda cross from the right.

Wedge header went narrowly wide.

In an even closer shave, Gary McDowall swooped on a corner to hit a shot which Yaka

#### Man of the match: ANDREW ZINNI (B. Juventus)

Banovic must have known little about the ball came off him and rebounded off the bar and was cleared to safety.

Hellas' composure disappeared however, once Juventus hit the front 12 minutes into the second half.

Eddie Campbell's free-kick was touched on by Robbie Cullen for Andrew Zinni to hit a shot which Laurels saved a hand but could not stop the ball from trickling over the line.

Scott Patterson came close to adding to the score within a minute with a shot which slide just past the far post and Zinni hit another shot from outside the box which Laurels saved before Zinni put the issue beyond doubt with his second goal in the 73rd minute.

Ironically enough, the mistake that led to the goal came from Steve Blair who up till then had had an impeccable match.

Blair was caught in possession by Cullen and the wee man got to his feet before Blair to send over an inch perfect cross for Zinni. The striker responded with a header which gave Laurels no chance.

Just before the goal, Margaritis made a substitution which was hard to explain, replacing Ken Murphy with another midfielder in Danny Craigne.

With Hellas needing a result, one would have thought that the coach would have sacrificed a defender to put on Craigne in the hope that the extra man in the middle or up front would have made the difference.

As it turned out, the switch not only didn't make any difference but also upset Murphy who wondered what all the fuss about his getting back into the team after injury was about, only to be hauled off when his experience could have made a contribution.

The win by George Cross against Adelaide Hellas and the defeat pushed South Melbourne Hellas out of the top five and all the club has to aim for now is the Dockerty Cup.

For Juve, apart from the satisfaction of the Southern Division championship, the win also puts it in the box seat to win the finals.

### Canberra bows out

#### Man of the match: ROD BROWN (Marconi)

#### Canberra 0 Marconi 3

Scorers: Brown 26th, 88th, 91st (M).  
Venue: Bruce Stadium.  
Crowd: 998.  
Cautions: Mason (M); Harkins (C).

Referee: Tony Pollard 6. Ten years of National League soccer ended in ignominious defeat for Canberra as it was topped 3-0 by Marconi after being outplayed and outgamed.

But Canberra started the game in poor psychological shape with player-coach Steve Bryant and veteran front-runner Ian Gibson only told they were playing six minutes before kick-off.

This came when Canberra finally decided — and lodged — the \$1000 necessary for an appeal against the one-match suspensions imposed on Bryant and Gibson for their dismissals



#### Peter Windsor

in the APFA game three weeks ago.

Tragically, with Canberra about to fight back, the decisive goal came from a disastrous defensive mistake just two minutes into the second half.

Goalkeeper Tony Franken threw the ball to young full-back Jason Dunn — who at 20 had had a brilliant NSL season. Young Dunn struck the ball straight to a Marconi player and after front-runners David Lowe and Rod Brown had both been involved the ball finally ran to winger, Osvaldo El'Al.

The Argentinean import made no mistake and cracked the ball past Franken.

Marconi's attacking capabilities were evident early when El'Al had a great goalscoring chance in the opening minutes only to fire over the bar in a one-on-one with Franken.

It was front-runner David Lowe who set up the first of the visitors' goals in the 26th min-

ute. Lowe sped down the right flank before moving goalwards and drawing out Franken.

As Franken narrowed the angle, Lowe squared the ball to unmarked Rod Brown and the big striker calmly stabbed it into the net from only six metres out.

That was the only score of the first half — although only brilliant goalkeeping from Franken prevented at least two others.

Then came that 47th minute mistake by young Dunn.

Yet Canberra showed great resilience, great courage and determination to continue to take the game to Marconi. Understandably, it committed everything to attack. And here the experience and ability of goalkeeper Bruce James came into play.

In the 68th minute, James punted the ball deep into attack. Away Brown sped and as Franken made a desperate dive at his feet, Brown hammered the ball along the ground and into the far corner of the net.

### Unlucky Inter

#### Brett Wilson



#### Syd. Croatia 3 Inter Monaro 2

Crowd: 5689

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre.

Referee: Ken Adriaanszen 7.

Cautions: Willox (Inter); A. Kovacic (Croatia). Goals: Clinch 16th, Petkovic 28th and 30th (Croatia); Walsh 19th, Carbone 42nd (Inter).

Sydney Croatia scraped home against lowly Inter Monaro in a match, it was always expected to win. The 3-2 result although was not an indication of the game.

Inter Monaro could consider itself unlucky not to draw. It was a gallant effort from Monaro fighting only for pride.

Croatia controlled the opening minutes of the first half, with keeper Steve Watson not sighting the ball for 10 minutes.

Shane Clinch missed with his first chance, a good one, but made no mistake when given only half a chance.

Zeljko Jurin was challenged just outside the area. The ball came out bouncing nicely to Clinch who cracked a low, hard drive sending the ball into the top right hand corner and beating the desperate attempt to save from Steve Hoszowski.

Croatia was caught napping three minutes later when Monaro pegged back the 1-0 lead. A Monaro corner was kicked off the line by Wally Saver. John Walsh stabbed at the bouncing ball guiding it through the defence giving Steve Watson no chance.

As usual, Croatia soon hit back.

Abraham Arnold placed a short ball for Ivo Petkovic to steam on to. He raced through a gap in the defence and from a wide angle shot past Hoszowski, making it look so easy.

A slaughter seemed likely when Petkovic added his name to the goalscoring list again. A poor back pass from Monaro allowed Croatia a corner. Clinch took the corner and curled it in. The bounce went Croatia's way and Petkovic stood sideways to volley the

#### Man of the match: SHANE CLINCH (Syd. Croatia)

high ball into the back of the net.

Tony Brennan then laid on a fine goal to make it 3-2 Brennan neatly chipped a pass to Atti Carbone and Watson advanced but to no avail. Carbone tapped the ball to the side of Watson, sending it trickling over the line. Monaro had not given up hope.

The stage was set for an entertaining second half, hopefully keeping the scoreboard ticking for both sides. But that was not to be. All the goalscoring was complete and Monaro's chance of salvaging a point or two from the premiers sadly slipped away.

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**Man of the match:**  
**GARY COLE**  
(Makedonia)

**Makedonia 4**  
**Brisbane City 0**  
Scorer: Cole 2nd, 6th, Smith 63rd, Silikas 77th.  
Venue: Cannon Reserve.  
Crowd: 2150.  
Cautions: Vasquez, Campbell.  
Referee: Jim Fokianos 7.  
With an outside chance to sneak into the top five,

Preston Makedonia needed to win by at least four goals and, after a somewhat shaky first half, it certainly achieved that objective.

However, as it turned out, the other results did not favor Bill Murray's team, but at least Makedonia finished the season

on a high note, having scored eight goals in its last two matches.

Brisbane City, with its future already decided, had only pride to play for, but only managed to do that in the first half.

In the second half, particularly after substitute Steve Smith's goal, City forgot all about pride and its farewell performance in the NSL turned out to be a rather disappointing affair.

Gary Cole opened the scoring after only two minutes, converting Ron Campbell's pass with a low shot just inside the post.

After this early setback, Brisbane City came back strongly and created just as many scoring chances in the first stanza as did Makedonia.

Frank Mengotti came close in the 10th minute but his shot was blocked and, in the best move of the half, Alan Reis combined well with the overlapping Rod Vasquez releasing him on the left and blasting the return at goal from close range. Phil Traianedes denied Reis with a fine reflex save.

**Man of the match:**  
**GARY MEIER**  
(Syd Olympic)

came the Demons' way should have been taken. Both fell to youngster Paul Quarmby.

Sydney Olympic too had chances during the second period. Chris Kalantzis almost surprised Hoare after a huge goalkick by Meier. The ball bounced midway inside Olympic's attacking half.

As it came down, Kalantzis intercepted with a fierce header which skimmed the post.

A free kick by Peter Katholos saw Simon Brandt head just wide in the 76th, but the best opportunity fell to Marshall Soper in the 88th.

Katholos beat the offside trap then rounded the advancing Hoare but went wide. Soper came in to support him and Katholos obliged by lifting the ball straight at Soper and inches away from the line. With the net gaping open, Soper headed wide!

**Man of the match:**  
**JOHN OGDEN**  
(Bris. Lions)

Scorers: Hunter 44th, Lujic 47th.  
Venue: Richmond.  
Crowd: 389.  
Cautions: Hunter (BL), Spink (JUST).  
Referee: Ken Small 6

Although this match ended in a draw, both sides walked from the park as losers. The draw had cost Footscray JUST the divisional championship after being the pace-setter for most of the season.

Its moment of glory after being a batter in the National League for so long, had been denied by a late-season loss of form and a committed Lions team.

But Lions' dream of an 11th hour survival bid ended when Referee Ken Small disallowed an Alan Niven free-kick that hit the net, and when in Melbourne, Sunshine George Cross went on an uncharacteristic scoring spree.

JUST needed no less than two points to secure the title for which at times this season it looked as if it already could call its own.

But JUST's hopes of a win in this match probably went out the window when defensive general Vojislav Vukcevic was carried from the field on a stretcher after just 15 minutes.

Vukcevic was severely concussed after a clash of heads with sturdy young Lions midfielder David Hunter.

The pair went up for a high ball that had swung away from keeper Zoran Nikitovic in the gusty wind. Hunter got his header goalwards but caught the JUST sweeper in his deterrent.

control. He eventually managed to dispatch a shot on target but Spiro Hantzis on the goal line looked certain to comfortably clear the danger. Amazingly, the usually reliable fullback let the ball roll under his feet and into goal.

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# Makedonia ends on a high note



Ken Kontra

palming the ball over the bar.

The second half opened in a promising manner for Brisbane City with Reis nearly getting the better of Traianedes with a powerful shot which the keeper spilled at first but managed to gather at the second attempt.

From this point, Makedonia took charge and it was only a question of time before it increased its lead.

Roodhouse, Ilioski and Cole all had shots on target either saved or blocked before Smith converted Con Opasini's corner with a back-headed in the 62nd minute.

Brisbane City disintegrated. Makedonia surged forward al-

most unopposed but neither Roodhouse nor Opasini could keep their shots down when well positioned.

Finally, Makedonia scored its fourth when Cole set up George Salikas inside the area and the youngster finished well to score his first NSL goal in the 77th minute.

## 'Rasko' wins it



Alex Vesic

**Syd Olympic 1**  
**Blacktown 0**

Scorer: Raskopoulos 72nd.  
Venue: Pratten Park.  
Crowd: 3222.  
Referee: Jim Osis 8.

Opportunist finishing coupled with an ounce of luck kept Sydney Olympic's flag high after its last-round encounter against the Demons at Pratten Park.

Terry Patalis took a swing at the ball in the 72nd minute only to see it deflect off Blacktown defender and into the path of Peter Raskopoulos. Sydney Olympic's captain took off for the penalty area, beat a defender, then faced Barry Hoare before finding the far corner of the net.

A lucky deflection, a brilliant finish by Raskopoulos and two points which landed Sydney Olympic in second place on the league table.

Early on, Olympic did not enjoy the match much with Blacktown having the best share of chances and looking confident indeed.

Robbie Slater was effective in the opening stanza and was the first to taste the freedom of the park after beating Olympic's offside trap to face Gary Meier. He was at an angle but his drive was not good enough to beat Meier.

Only two minutes later, in the 10th minute, Joe Carroll burst through to find space on the 16-metre line, but he also found Meier unbeatable.

A few minutes later another desperate defensive lunge, this time by Coady, saved Olympic then, with minutes in the first half, the Demons missed another chance. Carroll slipped past Brandt and beat Meier from an angle but his shot sailed past the far post.

If that wasn't enough to break the Demons' hearts, then the missed chances in the second period certainly would have. Not that there were many of them but the two that

## Juventus revived

**Man of the match:**  
**NEVILLE FLOUNDERS**  
(Ad. Juventus)

**Ad. Juventus 2**  
**Heidelberg 0**

Scorers: Mullen 37th, Melita 54th.  
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.  
Crowd: 3180.  
Cautions: Marley (H).  
Referee: Gary Power 8.

Adelaide City Juventus showed its feeble form of the previous week, when it shuddered to a shuddered to a scoreless draw with Brunswick Juventus right into the background with this class display.

This time Adelaide Juventus looked and performed like a side fully deserving to be participating in the finals playoffs.

Despite the absence of suspended Charley Villani, Juventus stamped its authority on this game from the kick-off in a remarkable display.

And it was all the more remarkable because Juventus had only one field substitute on the bench in offender Gary Higgins and it had Sergio Melita carrying a hamstring injury

which had prevented his training during the week.

Juventus coach Zoran Matic compensated for his sparse squad by recalling young goalkeeper Steve Nisic as a reserve and devising a plan which could have meant using goalkeeper Willie McNally as a striker if he had more than one injury.

But Juventus was lucky because it came through unscathed, while Heidelberg could not continue after half time and Theo Selemidis suffered a head wound which needed stitches.

Juventus notched two fine goals to gain the points which carried it above Heidelberg on the league ladder and secured its place in the finals.

The first cam in the 37th minute as Neville Flounders climbed high to nod on a corner from Adrian Santrac for Joe Mullen to flick accurately past Jeff Oliver in the Bergers' goal.

Melita drove home the second in the 54th minute after Mullen and Steve Maxwell swept forward in an inspiring move.

However, that goal brought accusations of offside from Oliver, who ran over to 14 lines

man to file his complaint.

Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic said his team played well considering the pressure for a high place in finals.

"It was a reasonable performance and under the circumstances, was probably better than we expected," he said. Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey said he was disappointed with his team's effort and conceded Adelaide City was the better side.

"They passed the ball around better than us and looked threatening from corners and on the counter-attack," he said. "But if we had finished off our chances in the late stages we could have had three goals."

With Villani back and provided Flunds, Bugsy Nyskohus, Melita, Mullen, Maxwell, Aurelio Vidmar, Adrian Santrac, Paul Shillabeer, Alex Tobin, Paul Wilde and the irresponsible McNally retain their enthusiasm and form, Adelaide City Juventus will give the national titles a huge shake.

As the sole survivor, much is expected of Matic and his fine crew.

## BUTLER BIRLLIANT

**APIA 3**  
**Canterbury 0**

At: Lambert Park.  
Crowd: 1255.  
Scorers: Turnbull 21st, Parison 45th and 86th.  
Cautions: Hristovski (A), Zrilic (C).  
Referee: Rob Davies 6.

APIA finished its nail-biting 1986 campaign with an emphatic three-goal victory over a spirited but long since doomed Canterbury outfit.

This was APIA's sixth win in seven outings and the culmination of a phenomenal run of results which has made its inclusion in next year's 14-team league a certainty.

The match itself was of academic interest although APIA had a theoretical chance of making the final five providing certain results went its way in the last round.

These results did not eventuate and in any case the victory margin needed to be 5 goals.

APIA started the match nervously and Canterbury, with nothing to lose, took advantage of this to threaten the home side with quick breaks particularly through Nello Borges.

As is often the case, one team threatens but the other one scores.

Architect of this goal was livewire Terry Butler whose incisive run down the right flank and measured cross allowed the lanky Scot a simple tap-in at the far post.

Canterbury, nonetheless,



Mike Mikolajczyk

driven on by Zalmi and Zrilic, was playing some good football but sadly lacked a lethal finisher to convert the good work into goals.

On the stroke of halftime, young APIA winger Tony Parison scored the first of his two opportunistic goals. The Canterbury defence reacted hesitantly to a long clearance, but momentarily lost

control. He eventually managed to dispatch a shot on target but Spiro Hantzis on the goal line looked certain to comfortably clear the danger. Amazingly, the usually reliable fullback let the ball roll under his feet and into goal.

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**TERRY BUTLER**  
(APIA)

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Ricky Rosso

massive amount of possessions with his committed tackles, but also distributing the ball with intelligence and skill.

Lions finally got the goal that they deserved.

The move started when John Stewart kept in a ball heading out for a goal kick and laid it back to Morton. Morton, showing speed and close control, beat Ljube Petrovski, who was to have a nightmare against the clever Scotsman, darted inside the covering Karic and played a deep cross.

Belic, in an attempt to avert any further damage, tried to head away for a corner but his attempt hit the upright and rebounded back into the centre of the goal.

And the lurking David Hunter drove the bobbling ball into the net.

The half-time break which was to follow was probably the worst thing that could have

happened for Lions as the team lost its momentum.

A defensive mix-up only two minutes into the second half allowed Lujic to score.

Ernie Topal, who did much of the midfield work with Vlado Stosic drifting in and out of the game and Spink waiting to break rather than chase, began the move with a well-weighted through ball.

Lujic's marker, Russell Stewart, saw the move and stepped forward to catch the speedy winger offside. But at the same time, Lions' central defender Frank Liddell sensed danger and turned and made a run back, putting the Footscray forward onside. Lujic always was going to be faster than Liddell and in expert fashion he drew out Wayne Evans and slotted the ball into the far side of the goal.

Despite levelling of the scores, both sides then seemed to lose their attacking drive and many players drifted out of the game, possibly because of the hot weather and hectic pace of the first half.

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La strabiliante vittoria sulla tradizionale avversaria dell'Hellas (i cui tifosi hanno innalzato un grande cartellone osannante le qualità dei "mangiatori di spaghetti" dei loro beniamini, spaghetti che ovviamente sono andati per traverso) ha avuto una impronta tutta particolare fatta di orgoglio, rabbia, cuore e classe.

L'orgoglio di Zinni, che come unico giocatore italiano in campo è apparso votato a conquistare vittoria e scudetto per i colori bianconeri anche a costo di dover fare tutto da solo, la sua foga è stata di ispirazione ai compagni di squadra che pian piano sono usciti dal buco riscuotendo fiducia nei propri mezzi con il passare dei minuti.

Si è visto così venir fuori il gran cuore di Cullen, il veterano "piccoletto" che ha fatto onore al suo nomignolo di "tigre" in occasione del secondo goal decisivo, quando l'Hellas stava andando all'arrembaggio per pareggiare le sorti. "Tiger" ha "puntato" un difensore avversario, gli è piombato addosso come una saetta sfrecciando a gambe all'aria assieme per rialzarsi da una molla, impadronendosi della sfera e mettendola sulla "testina d'oro" di Zinni che ha giustiziato Laumels per la seconda volta.

Si è vista così anche la rabbia di Durakovic, un giovane leone rugente costretto in panchina dal "nome" Lewis e che può scendere nell'arena nel suo ruolo solo quando il titolare è squalificato o infortunato, la sua prestazione di domenica scorsa dovrebbe dire qualcosa a McKendry.

È stato anche un piacere rivedere la classe di Petersen brillante di nuovo in maniera decisiva.

E tutti gli altri atleti bianconeri hanno fatto bene la loro parte, perfino Patterson (nel secondo tempo) che negli ultimi tempi aveva lasciato molto a desiderare.

Ed è stato anche una grossa soddisfazione per la tifoseria bianconera rivedere in campo verso il finire Fabio Incantalupo sprizzante salute e smanioso si rifarsi della sfortuna che lo ha messo fuori causa per quasi due stagioni.

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I due anni persi hanno contribuito moltissimo a farlo maturare nell'avversità, a farlo impuntare contro il destino che si è accanito con lui.

Siamo sicuri che il meglio di Fabio Incantalupo deve ancora venire.

E Potrebbe venire durante le prossime settimane se McKendry avrà il "coraggio" di dargli fiducia e farlo partire da titolare per carburarsi ed entrare nel ritmo di gioco.

Non dimentichiamo che furono le due reti di Fabio (una per partita) a dare alla Juventus due vittorie sul Sydney City l'anno scorso ed il titolo di campione d'Australia.

È stato anche bello vedere in campo il giovane David Vesnaver negli ultimi minuti di questa storica vittoria, egli rappresenta, con il suo nome illustre, la Juventus del passato e, con la sua giovane età, la Juventus di domani.

Ed a proposito di domani, ci sono frotte di ragazzi in bianconero che stanno sboccando nel vivale di Summer Park, oggi senz'altro la migliore

scuola di calcio in Victoria.

Mentre la prima squadra si copriva di gloria a Middle Park, le premiare U/18 e U/16 conquistavano la V.S.F. Cup a Seaford e la U/13 mancava la tripletta bianconera per un soffio.

Ma torneremo su questo argomento la prossima settimana con maggior dovizia di particolari.

Domenica sera, dopo un pomeriggio esaltante, giocatori, dirigenti e tifosi si sono ritrovati a celebrare al Crystal T di Brunswick in un'atmosfera di incredibile ed euforica esaltazione. Il presidente Joe Carruso è andato in giro ad abbracciare un po' tutti, con gli occhi rossi e umidi dalla commozione, con la modestia e il senso di gratitudine che sono stati sempre parte della sua personalità. E con il senso di sollievo da un grosso incubo che nelle ultime settimane si era fatto sempre più cupo.

Con la squadra che andava a rotoli, con un comitato ridotto ai minimi termini, con una situazione generale non proprio brillante, Joe Carruso aveva stretto i denti ed era rimasto al suo posto difendendo a spada tratta il suo comitato, i suoi ragazzi e l'indifensibile allenatore che non è e che abbandonò perciò definitivamente il "vangelo secondo McKendry"; la Juventus ha dimostrato ancora una volta di avere i numeri in abbondanza per sgonfiare qualsiasi squadra nel torneo finale che porta al titolo australiano a condizione che la si lasci giocare secondo i suoi grandi mezzi.

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bianconero hanno stravinto in extremis un campionato che il loro allenatore aveva perso diverse volte!

A McKendry diamo il merito parziale di essere stato meno testardo di quanto sembrava, forse anche sotto la pressione diretta e indiretta delle critiche costruttive e delle accuse perentorie mosseggi da noi di altra stampa non "ruffiana".

Non pretendiamo di avere tanta influenza, ma tre settimane fa, dopo le catastrofi di Heidelberg e Brisbane avevamo suggerito a McKendry di tornare ai vecchi sistemi "Margaritari" con il libero strettamente in ultima battuta per tutta la partita (e da due settimane Zendeon ha finalmente giocato così), i terzini tornanti quanto possibile (e da due settimane Campbell, Lewis e il sostituto Durakovic hanno giocato così). Petersen a regista del centrocampo con massima libertà di rallentare il gioco e spingersi in avanti come mezza punta (e da due settimane egli ha giocato così), gioco d'attacco largo sulle ali per aprire la difesa avversaria (e da due settimane Cullen, Palatsidis e Patterson hanno giocato così).

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## Northcote 1 West. Suburbs 1

Scores: Hamill 1st (W); Patsakos 85th (N).

Venue: John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

If you regard soccer as entertainment then this game had all the ingredients of good theatre.

The curtain went up with a bang, and it came down again after a stirring climax that had the Northcote supporters in a frenzy.

Imbetween there had been plenty of end-to-end play, goalmouth scrambles galore, and the odd bit of drama thrown in for good measure.

The draw was a reasonable result, and everyone went away happy, so for both clubs the season ended on a good note.

The game was only 31 seconds old when Northcote's Juan Toro, rather lazily, went into midfield tackle, lost the ball to Billy Hamill, Wests' blonde bombshell of a left-back.

Hamill looked up and saw hectares of open space be-

## Man of the match: PALMARICCIOTTI (Western Suburbs)

tween him and the Northcote goal, and just put his head down and went. The shot went in off the far post and left poor Mark Turudla wondering if the rest of his team had heard the kick-off whistle.

For the rest of the first half it was all Northcote, but it couldn't make any impression on Wests' defence, where Robert Palmaricciotti was outstanding.

Up front, Western Suburbs has as talented a trio as you would find anywhere in the league in Ged Stenson, David Smallman and Bobby McGuinness, and it seems a pity and a great waste of talent that they spend more time in dispute with the officials than in playing.

Northcote coach Roy Mac-

laren wasn't happy with his players at half time, and when I asked him if he was going to make any substitutions he said: "I'd like to substitute all bloody 11!"

But the players must have got the message, for they gradually built up the tempo and in the closing stages had Wests struggling to survive.

The ball seemed to be perpetually in Wests penalty area and the 85th minute when Toro atoned for his first half boob and crossed for substitute Tom Patsakos to equalise with a cracking header.

The drama didn't end there though.

Having sensed victory, Northcote pressed on eagerly, and we had a last-minute substitution when Wests' goalie, Milutin Ciric was knocked out accidentally and reserve goalkeeper Fotis Alexopoulos was brought in.

Although Northcote won a couple of free-kicks, Alexopoulos wasn't tested, and after about five minutes overtime, the game and the league season ended all square for both clubs.

— LES SHORROCK

## Grgic saves Dinamo

## Man of the match: ROBERT MORREY (Melbourne)

## Melbourne 0 St. A./Dinamo

Venue: J.T. Gray Reserve, Saturday.

St. Albans Dinamo scrambled into the top four following the point it gained from a very nervous performance against already relegated Melbourne Hungaria at J.T. Gray Reserve.

Dinamo started the game without star midfielder Mark Wilson, out suspended, and coach Tony Vrzina took the risk of playing striker Ivan Duzel who had not played for the previous six weeks due to injury.

Melbourne had little to play for but proved to be the better team.

Dinamo keeper Mate Grgic made two magnificent saves in the final minutes in the first half to keep his side in the match.

His first save eventuated from a John Bird free-kick from the half way line was hoisted high to Dinamo's far post where midfielder and man-of-the-match Robert Morrey rose superbly and headed the ball goalwards only for Grgic to dive full length and touch the ball round the post for a corner.

The second save denied a goal brilliantly engineered by Melbourne striker Lou Theodosopoulos. The young striker received a long through pass



● Melbourne's midfield dynamo Robert Morrey. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

from Morrey by controlling the ball on his right thigh. Another touch of the ball with his left foot enabled him to turn and volley the ball brilliantly towards goal only for Grgic to pull off an equally fine save.

The longer the match progressed the more nervous Dinamo players became. Morrey continued to dominate play from the centre of midfield and he almost won the match in the final minute

when he hit a superb drive from the edge of the area that just cleared the bar with Grgic, for once, well beaten.

Dinamo's only chance came in 75th minute when substitute Ivan Kelic was put in the clear by striker Kevin Lloyd. It was the substitute's first touch since entering the field but his shot from six metres went straight into the arms of goalkeeper Joe Kiss.

— MIKE LYNN

## Ramos on rampage

## Man of the match: PEDRO RAMOS (Box Hill)

## Box Hill 1 Thomastown 1

Scores: Ramos 12th (BH); Pianalto 57th (T).

Venue: Wembley Park, Sunday.

Box Hill midfielder Pedro Ramos turned on a superb performance against Thomastown at Wembley Park and helped his team gain the point that ensured it would stay in the top four.

This performance from Ramos could not be better exemplified than by the stunning goal he scored in the 12th minute.

Box Hill was awarded a free-kick just inside Thomastown's half and Gary McPhee

side of the penalty area where Thomastown midfielder Andy Higgins rose high to head the ball clear.

The ball only was cleared as far as Ramos who chested it down then flicked it away from Thomastown midfielder Kevin Corfara and then away from defender Mike Rainey. The ball still had not touched the ground when Ramos unleashed a thundering volley from the edge of the penalty area that shot past goalkeeper Mauro Raponi at his near post. It was the best goal I've seen all season.

Box Hill dominated the opening half hour.

The second half was much more even but Thomastown goalkeeper Raponi was required to pull off a number of excellent saves.

None was better than his save in the 75th minute to deny Box Hill striker Barry Burton. A corner was played high to the far post where Box Hill's substitute Andy McMillan won the heading challenge. The dropping ball was headed on by Burton and looked certain



● Pedro Ramos.

to go in only for Raponi to dive backwards and brilliantly tip the ball over the bar.

Thomastown's equaliser came in the 57th minute when Higgins' free kick was not cleared allowing striker George McMillan to play the ball back into the crowded goal area where Robbie Pianalto slid down to force it over the line.

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# Croydon and Pines for the final!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CROYDON	15	7	4	55	27	37
FRANKSTON PINES	12	8	6	37	27	32
BOX HILL	9	12	5	38	24	30
ST. ALB. DINAMO	10	10	6	37	25	30
Morwell Falcons	14	2	10	45	35	30
Fawkner	12	6	8	28	24	30
Springvale	11	6	9	25	24	28
Thomastown	9	8	9	28	26	26
West. Suburbs	10	6	10	35	39	26
Caulfield	10	3	13	37	44	23
Northcote	7	9	10	39	48	23
Polonia	6	7	13	23	30	19
R. Wilhelmnia	5	7	14	19	47	19
Melb. Hungaria	2	9	15	18	42	13

**NORTHCOTE 3 (Small 15th, 75th, Total 21st)**  
**FRANKSTON PINES 3 (Runje 19th, 38th, Thurlow 50th) at John Cain Reserve, last Wednesday night.**

NORTHCOTE: Arianis 6 — Stiliadis 6, Patsakos 7, Kouremenos 6, J. Constantinou 66 — Panagopoulos 6, Tolo 7, Gymnopoulos 7 (inj. Patsakos 65th), Small 6 — Tolo 7, P. Constantinou 6, Coach: Roy Maclean.

FRANKSTON PINES: Boland 4 — Macleod 6, Bozic 7, Thurlow 7 — Dick 6, Ross 6, Cullen 7, Ferris 5, Watson 6 — Runje 7, Armstrong 6. Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Runje (FF), 2. Tolo (N), 1. Tolo (N).

**MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 0 AT ST ALBANS DINAMO 0 at J.T. Gray Reserve, Saturday.**

MELBOURNE HUNGARIA: Kiss 7 — Tzambazis 6, Bird (inj. Szabados 6th), S. Wild 6, Edmondson 7 — Kocaturk 6, Morrey 6, Horvath 6 (Stergen 80th), Wallace 7 — Theodoropoulos 7, Mills 5, Coach: Ian McCarthy.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grice 8 — Kusura 6, Klakovic 5, Krasicic 8, Ramkaj 6 (inj. Colina 35th), Rastocic 6 (Kalic 75th), Batanovic 6, Kuzman 5 — Culina 6, Lloyd 5, Duzel 7, Coach: Tony Vrzina.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Morrey (MH), 2. M. Grice (St. A), 1. Krasicic (St. A).

**MORWELL FALCONS 0 CROYDON 2 (French 65th, Livingstone 81st) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.**

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 7 — Bingham 7, D. Wilson 8 (Bezina 70th), Bruns 8, Tuill 7 — T. van Baar 7, O'Callaghan 7, E. Casar 5 — Clarke 6 (M. Casar 75th), Sturtin 6, Sostac 6, Coach: Dave O'Connor.

CROYDON: Waterman 7 — Brown 7, Tansy 7, O'Reilly 7, Beech 7 — Livingstone 6, MacLean 6, Brogan 8 — Cooper 7, French 6, Humble 7, Coach: Peter Ollerott.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. MacLean (C), 2. Bruns (MF), 1. Brogan (C).

**NORTHCOTE 1 (Patsakos 85th) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Hamill 1st) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.**

NORTHCOTE: Turukia 6 — Stiliadis 5, Patsakos 7, Kouremenos 6, J. Constantinou 5, Kazakis 72nd — Tolo 5, Tolo 5, Gymnopoulos 5, Panagopoulos 5 (Patsakos 60th) — P. Constantinou 6, Small 6, Coach: Roy Maclean.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Ciric 5 (inj. Alexopoulos 89th) — Beattie 6, Dimovski 8, Kagioglu 6, Hamill 7 — Palmericic 9, Smailovic 6, Esposto 6, Stenson 6 — McGuinness 6, McCuskey 6, Coach: Jimmy Kondilis.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Palmericic (WS), 2. Patsakos (N), 1. Dimovski (WS).

**BOX HILL 1 (Ramos 12th) THOMASTOWN 1 (Pianalto 57th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.**

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — McPhee 6, A. McMillan 7, D. Hennessy 7, Hird 6, Taylor 5, Hughes 6, Ramos 9 — Griffin 6 (inj. Mazagato 75th), Burton 6, McKenna 7, Coach: Keith Webster.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 9 — Rainey 7, Pianalto 8, Cosentino 7, Arcoraci 6, Carfora 5, Higgins 6, Kerr 7, Coyke 5 — Flaherty 6 (Temos 80th), G. McMillan 6, Coach: Mike Lyon.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Ramos (BH), 2. Raponi (T), 1. Pianalto (T).

**POLOIA 2 (Przybyla 50th, Drinoczky 74th) CAULFIELD 1 (Zemunik 15th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.**

POLOIA: Dachs 6 — Liparski 6, Kotzschmahl 7, Drinoczky 8 (ten off 75th), Smokar 6 — P. Czupak 7, Bennett 7, R. Nelson 6 — Wycisk 7, Przybyla 7 (Gregorczyk 76th), Marshall 7 (Trogric 88th), Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

CAULFIELD: Alexandropoulos 6 — Kassisas 6, Koutos 6, Brooks 6, Tassandis 6 — Harris 6, Amanatidis 6, Tofari 6 (Michel 70th) — Bitsonis 7, Zemunik 6 (sent off 75th), Argiros 6 (Abram H.T. 6), Coach: Takis Svingos.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Drinoczky (P), 2. Harris (C), 1. Bennett (P).

**FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Macleod 60th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at Monterey Reserve, Sunday.**

FRANKSTON PINES: Boland 7 — Macleod 7, Thurlow 7, Bozic 6 — Ross 6, Dick 7 (inj. Cumming 75th), Cullen 6, Ferris 6, Watson 7 — Runje 6, Armstrong 5 (inj. Webster 43rd), Tolo 7, Coach: Danny McMinimee.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Blackley 7 — Meyer 6, Corke 9, Bates 7, Wemyss 7 — Thomson 8, Bakker 6, Verniers 7 — Storm 8, Nijholt 6 (Mensink 65th), Angula 7, Coach: Tom Kelly.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Corke (RW), 2. Thomson (RW), 1. Storm (RW).

**FAWKNER 1 (Tuiffeld 42nd) SPRINGVALE CITY 0 at Smith Reserve, Sunday.**

FAWKNER: R. Wilson 7 — Walsh 7, Fattore 7, Schipano 8, Chiavelli 6 — Sabatino 6, Mancinelli 7, Flavell 7, Di Cocco 7 — Tuiffeld 7, Cozzella 6, Coach: Frank McAlister.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Peter Mur 7 — Bentley 7, Adams 7, Vogel 6, Hobson 8 — M. Wild 6, G. Bannion 7, Bell 7, Garvey 6 — Athersych 7, House 7, Coach: Bobby MacLachlan.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Schipano (F), 2. Hobson (S), 1. Adams (S).

The spotlight in Victoria this week falls on the State League Cup and Ricoh Dockerty Cup. The State League Cup double header at Ross Reserve, Springvale tonight (Wednesday) should see Croydon and Frankston Pines advance to the final to be held at Wembley Park, Box Hill on Saturday, September 27.

Croydon tackles Box Hill in the first game tonight at 6.30pm and deservedly goes into the clash as favorite, having just won its second, successive State League championship.

But it will find the Hillmen a handful. Box Hill's bustling style of play, combined with the flair of midfielder Pedro Ramos and the striking power of Laurie McKenna and Phil Griffin won't be easy for Croydon to overcome.

Griffin, however, has been carrying a knee injury for some time but there's little doubt that if fully fit, he'd stretch the Croydon back four to the limit.

Croydon coach Peter Ollerott must decide between Peter Blasby and Keith Waterman for the goalkeeper's spot. Waterman got the nod last weekend against Morwell Falcons but Ollerott might decide in favor of the more experienced Blasby.

Box Hill defender Dean Hennessy has had a great season. He's established himself as a fine State League player and

clearly, the National League must be his next goal.

But that's more of a long-range aim. Right now he's out to stiff the bite of Croydon's outstanding strikers Graham French and Andy Humble.

Hennessy will have the experience of Andy McMillan and Harry Hird to back him up.

It wouldn't surprise to see this one go right down to the wire. After all, the Hillmen are running out of chances to grab some joy from a season in which they fancied themselves for the title.

But I'm sticking with the strength. And that means Croydon.

There's really not a lot to choose between Pines and Dinamo, the combatants in tonight's second match.

That's principally because Pines can be very dodey at the back at times. This won't want to be one of those times because Kevin Lloyd, Ivan Duzel and Branko Culina are quite capable of ripping sides apart.

It's with little confidence then that my money's on Pines. The Ricoh Dockerty Cup gets into full swing this weekend with four double headers.

Only one of them, at Smith Reserve, is on Saturday.

That features Western Suburbs and Sunbury in the first match at 1.15pm, followed by Fawkner and North Dandenong. Suburbs and Fawkner should keep the State League flag flying high.

Melbourne Hungaria gets the chance to wipe away some of this season's disappointment when it tackles Caulfield on

Sunday in the first game of a double header at Ross Reserve.

Caulfield striker Danny Zemunik won't be available after being sent off against Polonia last weekend and that should take a lot of the sting out of Caulfield's attack. I'm going for Melbourne.

Surely, lowly Albion Turk Guca will be no match for Frankston Pines in the second game.

Knox City's chances of topping Croydon in the first game of Sunday's double header at Jubilee Park are slim while Box Hill should have too many big guns for Ringwood Wilhelmnia in the second game.

Broadmeadows and Mooroolbark probably still are trying to work out why they have to travel all the way to the La Trobe Valley to meet in the first game of Sunday's double header at North Crinigan Reserve.

Broadmeadows should win but it won't want to take the Barkers lightly. Mooroolbark boasts players of the quality of Joe Tront, Paul Priestley, Peter Klack and Ray Gurney and this could turn out to be a cracking contest.

Morwell Falcons should be too strong for Nunawading City in the second game at North Crinigan Reserve but Falcons defenders Emil Bruns and Dave Wilson will find out why Chris Middlemast was plucked out of First Division soccer earlier this year by South Melbourne Hellas. Middlemast is a superb player and clearly he's the man Falcons must watch closely.

## CUP DRAWS

Here are the draws for the Ricoh Dockerty Cup, Harry Armstrong Cup, Victorian League Cup, Provisional League Cup, Provisional Reserve Cup, Amateur League Cup and Amateur Reserve Cup:

**RICOH DOCKERTY CUP**  
Smith Reserve, this Saturday: Western Suburbs v Sunbury at 1.15pm, followed by Fawkner v North Dandenong.  
Ross Reserve, this Sunday: Caulfield v Melbourne Hungaria at 1.15pm, followed by Albion Turk Guca v Frankston Pines.  
Jubilee Park, this Sunday: Knox City v Croydon at 1.15pm, followed by Ringwood Wilhelmnia v Box Hill.

**North Crinigan Reserve, this Sunday:** Broadmeadows v Mooroolbark at 1.15pm, followed by Morwell Falcons v Nunawading City.

The third main round of the Ricoh Dockerty Cup takes place on Showday, Thursday, September 25. The draw is:

Olympic Park No. 1: Melbourne Croatia v Ringwood Wilhelmnia or Box Hill at 7pm, followed by Brunswick Juventus v Albion Turk Guca or Frankston Pines.

Middle Park: Heidelberg v Caulfield or Melbourne Hungaria at 1.30pm, followed by South Melbourne Hellas v Fawkner or North Dandenong.

Green Gully Reserve: Sunshine George Cross v Broadmeadows or Mooroolbark at 1.30pm, followed by Green Gully v Morwell Falcons or Nunawading City.

Connor Reserve: Footscray JUST v Western Suburbs or Sunbury at 1.30pm, followed by Preston Macedonia v Knox City or Croydon.

**HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP**  
The first main round will be played on Sunday, September 21. The draw is:

Altona Gate v Boronia, Thomastown v Rosanna, Clarlinda v Hamlyn Rangers, Fawkner v Nunawading City, Mooroolbark v Clifton Hill, Yarraville v SM Mordialloc, Corio v Sandringham, Knox City v Dandenong City, Moreland Park Rangers v Essendon Triestina, Langwarrin v Prahran Celtic, Western Suburbs v St Albans Dinamo, Northcote v Croydon, Ringwood Wilhelmnia v Frankston Pines, Hawthorn v Caulfield, Doveton v Broadmeadows, Springvale United v West Brunswick.

**VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP**  
The second main round will be played on Saturday, September 27. The draw is:

Langwarrin v Broadmeadows, Springvale United v Hawthorn, Dandenong City v Werribee, Oakleigh v Prahran Celtic, Clifton Hill v Essendon Triestina, Nunawading City v Mooroolbark, Altona City v Corio, Prahran v Port Melbourne.

**PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP**  
The second main round will be played on Saturday, September 27. The draw is:

Langwarrin v Broadmeadows, Springvale United v Hawthorn, Dandenong City v Werribee, Oakleigh v Prahran Celtic, Clifton Hill v Essendon Triestina, Nunawading City v Mooroolbark, Altona City v Corio, Prahran v Port Melbourne.

**PROVISIONAL RESERVE CUP**  
The second main round will be played on Saturday, September 27. The draw is:

Mossiel Rangers v Geelong United, Balacava v South Dandenong, Monbulk v Brunswick City, Malvern v Ringwood Rovers, North Sunshine v Ivanhoe City, Central City v Pascoe Vale, South Springvale v Greensborough, Parkmore bye.

## McGorian, McMinimee clash



● Mick McGorian

Mick McGorian has been told by coach Danny McMinimee not to return to Frankston Pines.

They clashed at half time of Pines' recent match against Thomastown after McMinimee took McGorian off.

McGorian may decide to simply sit out this one if rumors of Pines hiring a new coach for next season are true. Jimmy Dunne's name has been mentioned. Dunne, a former Elre international, played with Green Gully and Brisbane City during his Australian career and coached Morwell Falcons to the 1984 Victoria State League championship.

"Soccer Action" joins with all Springvale City members and supporters in offering its sympathies to likeable team manager Les Smith, whose wife passed away last Friday.

Polonia didn't waste much time in offering Miron Bleiberg the coaching job for next season after he guided the club clear of relegation.

Bleiberg, the former Melbourne Croatia coach, is likely to attract the attention of a couple of NSL clubs but chances are that he'll stay with Polonia.

Northcote should be allowed to play State League matches next year under lights.

That's the only conclusion to be drawn from Northcote's floodlit clash with Frankston Pines last week.

The game was exciting, the lights were up to scratch, and Northcote has the best facilities in State League by a mile.

Who was the State League player who complained of stiffness in his hamstrings the other week because he'd done too much gardening?

Clue: he's a bit overweight, but that's probably because he hasn't played much in the second half of the season. He's got



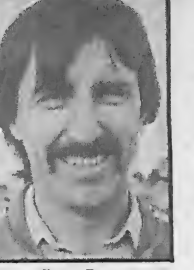
● Miron Bleiberg

the same initials and the same christian name as a late Hollywood great renowned for his roles in cowboy films.

Perry Mur's days as a goalkeeper are numbered.

That's because he's become a feared and respected striker.

The Springvale goalie played in the reserves, as a striker, against Fawkner on Sunday, Springvale reserves won 2-1. Guess who scored Springvale's goals?



● Jimmy Dunne

Kees Storm wants to keep playing at State League level which means that he won't be with Ringwood Wilhelmnia next season as Wilhelmnia, of course, has been relegated from State League.

Storm is a permanent resident now and has a fine playing pedigree. He played with Dutch clubs NAC Breda, FC Den Haag, De Graafschap and FC Den Bosch. He also played with Seiko and South China in Hong Kong.

Storm can be contacted at home on 758 1514 or at work on 758 5377.

## NSW tops in women's titles

Victoria finished fourth in a field of eight at the National Women's Championships held in Adelaide last week.

The tournament was again won by NSW, which has been the winner nine times since the championships began in 1974.

Victoria's placing was disappointing. It should have finished second, but in a week of varying fortunes, Victoria was unable to maintain form.

The team was plagued by injuries from the outset but despite these setbacks, Victoria put in some good performances.

The national women's squad was chosen at the conclusion of the Championships. The squad is:

Theresa Jones, Andrea Martin, Shona Bass, Janine McPhee, Jane Oakley (Victoria); Moya Dodd, Jill Lattimer, Mariana Milanovic (South Australia); Julie Murray (ACT); Sharen Mateljan (Western Australia); Helen Shattock, Amanda George

(Northern Territory); Kay O'Sullivan, Teri McQueen, Lyn Spencer, Joanne Millman, Leanne Priestley, Donna Fredrickson, Michelle Savers, Kerry Millman (South Queensland); Janelle Renshaw, Sue Buswell, Lea Wright, Sharon Dewar, Renaye Iserief, Karen Menzies (Northern NSW); Anissa Tann, Jeneane Atkin, Kim Lembray, Leigh Wardell, Sharon Young, Janine Riddington, Lisa Fava, Sue Monteith (NSW).

The Ansett Challenge Cup also was held at the end of the national titles. Victoria defeated South Queensland 1-0 in the Cup Final with the winning goal coming from Anita Shattock.

Here are the final standings at last week's National Championships:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
NSW	6	1	0	15	5	13
SA	4	2	1	13	4	10
NSW	4	2	1	8	4	10
VIC	2	4	1	10	5	8
ACT	2	1	4	5	11	5
SA	4	0	3	2	5	4
TAS	1	1	4	4	8	3
NT	1	1	5	3	16	3

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## Peles to meet Carcioffi

**White Peles 7  
Zlatna Luka 2**  
Zlatna Luka would have to be the most unlucky side in indoor competition.

The boys have played Indoor Soccer since its inception in Victoria and have always made it to the finals only to be edged out in the semi-finals.

Their Group B semi-final at Donvale against the White Peles was no exception. Both sides lined up confident and eager to challenge Carcioffi Rangers in the finals.

But when the whistle blew to start the game the class of the Peles outshone the Zlatna Luka boys and Peles showed them from the word go who was going to dominate.

The first half saw goals from Carlo Baravelli and Bruno and Carlo Sabidussi while Zlatna only could manage an own goal.

The talented Tony Mainenti for Peles put in another match-winning performance and although he only scored one goal his class was obvious.

Nino Ragusa put away one in the second half for Zlatna but with two more goals from Baravelli, two from Carlo Sabidussi and one from Mainenti the White Peles had the game easily won.

Ante Peric played well for Zlatna but the Man-of-the-Match award went to Mainenti. This week sees the final between Carcioffi Rangers and White Peles.

**Gipps. Ghosts 6  
S. Operators 5**  
Practice matches leading up to the start of the new season caught a couple of teams by surprise.

The Smooth Operators, league champions of Group A, came across a very determined and strong Gippsland Ghosts.

At the end of the first half the Ghosts were leading 6-2. The Operators pulled a few tricks out of the hat in the second half and responded with another three goals.

The Gippsland Ghosts were playing like men possessed and were overjoyed at having defeated the Smooth Operators.

Maurice Bisetto said after the game that his team did not have its full side out and that its new player had yet to come to terms with indoor soccer.

**Disciples 6  
Fijiana 6**

This was definitely Carlo Innamorati's game as he amassed a total of five goals.

The first half saw the Disciples down 3-1 and newcomers Fijiana were smiling, only to be shocked at how the Disciples came back in the second half with five goals, to which the Fijiana camp only could respond with three.

Time ran out for both teams but spectators were kept on their toes from start to finish.

**Kaiser Chiefs 5  
Canons 4**

This was an entertaining affair with the Kaiser Chiefs just edging out in front.

Spiro Alatas was again in fine form and the Chiefs had their work cut out to restrain him.

However, Jack Talia, in brilliant form, ensured victory for the Chiefs with a hat-trick.

Sparano, recapturing some of his brilliant form, displayed sparkling touches with Stan Iosididis playing his usual solid game.

Canons played an all-out attacking game and both sides could have mounted higher scores.

Constantinou played well in his guest appearance for Chiefs.

**Gippstars 9  
Gladiators 2**

The Gippstars finally came good to break the drought at the expense of the Gladiators in this Thomastown League match.

Captain Michael Kyriakopoulos was the main instigator of their win and contributed one goal as well many near misses.

Theo Stratopoulos and Michael Contos scored two each with John Patissas also having a fine game. The Gladiators scorers were Chris Temouskas and Taneski and these two were their better players on the night.

Keep going Gippstars you still might get there!

## Gippstars win, Shamrocks too

**Shamrocks 7  
Marazico 4**

A great game by two extremely lively teams. The Shamrocks set up their victory by jumping Marazico at the start to lead 3-0 at half time.

Marazico fought back gamely in the second half with two goals by Nick Arena and one

each to Fabrizio Cora and Con Lazenas.

The Shamrocks however steadied and proved to be worthy winners. Shaun McGovern, John and Patrick Keoghan scored two each with Paul Murphy scoring the other.

McGovern and Keoghan were the Shamrocks' best while Dom Disera was Marazico's best player.

**Brilliant Barbas 10  
Internazionale 3**

The Brilliant Barbas are having a tremendous first season. They remain undefeated and are sitting pretty on top of the ladder.

They were just too good for Internazionale on the night with livewire Perry Belegirinos scoring five goals. George Belegirinos scored a hat trick with 'Twinkle toes' Fasanella scoring two.

Internazionale tried hard as usual but could not come up with the goods on the night. Nino Vernali scored two with Nick Staikos scoring the other and these two along with David

Vremec and Chris Staikos, were their best players. The Brilliant Barbas must certainly be one of the favourites along with Manchester Excited on form.

**Celtics 7  
Furious Five 3**

The game was much closer than the score indicates. Furious Five surrendered an early lead of 3-1 in the first half to go down to the more tenacious Celtics.

With both teams depleted due to suspensions the game was evenly balanced until John Metaxas exploded with five goals in the second half to take his tally for the match to six as Iliopoulos scored the other.

Furious Five's new signing, Theo Papanicholou scored two and along with Les Iliadis was its best player.

John Metaxas was man of the match while young Michael Metaxas playing in his first full game was dangerous up front and very unlucky not to score.

## Socceroos gain revenge, Spartans down Vicbitters

**Sadida 2  
Rico Reds 2**

An exciting match was witnessed between Rico Reds and Sadida. Both teams combined a high level of teamwork as they traded goal for goal.

Lilly Cassar scored two good goals for Sadida while Rico Reds' goals were scored by Gill Nolan and Anne McCurley.

Both teams have vastly improved and with further match practice will be strong contenders in the final's series.

**Socceroos 2  
Miki Motos 1**

The clash of the night was the match between Socceroos and Miki Motos. Both teams met in the last Grand Final with the result going Miki Motos way.

This time the two teams met on relatively equal standing with neither team suffering a loss this season.

Socceroos began the match with a tight defence but it was penetrated by Carol Church who picked up a goal kick to

quickly take advantage and scored a goal.

Jo Mack answered Miki Motos' goal with two well placed goals which came as a result of good teamwork.

It was an exciting match to watch and demonstrated the high standard of the women's competition.

**Spartans 3  
Vicbitters 1**  
The match between Vicbitters and Spartans was, as expected, a close tussle. Vicbitters who led the competition were expected to win class 4th placed Spartans.

During the first half Spartans scored once through Richard Lloyd. The second half saw Spartans outscore Vicbitters.

Nel Lawson scored twice for Spartans to Vicbitters' single goal.

Men's standings: Monash 12; Vicbitters 10; Wallies 10; Spartans 10; Lasers 4; Inter 2; Sticks 2.

Women's standings: Socceroos 14; Miki Motos 11; Rico Reds 9; Turlites 8; Sadida 6; Woffam 4; Doggers 4.

By the time the score became 3-1 the game had turned into a farce. Maurice Bisetto of the Eliminator was head-butted in front of one of the linesmen but amazingly no-one was cautioned or sent off. This incident almost started an all-in brawl with the result being a free kick for the Ansett Stars.

For the remainder of the game, the crowd witnessed a spectacle more like a rugby rather than a soccer match.

More controversy followed when, from a throw-in, Anthony Cassar scored his team's third goal. He clearly was inside his attacking penalty area but the referee ignored the protests of the Eliminator's coach and the bench.

Aki Kotziamichalis then pulled a goal back for the Eliminator when he received a pass from Ernie Boin and placed his shot wide of the grasp of Van Der Zalm.

Cassar increased the lead for the Ansett Stars with a long range drive which rocketed into the net.

The goal was marred when Cassar gestured to the Eliminator's bench and received a caution. When Bisetto questioned the referee's choice of punishment for Cassar, Bisetto was sent off!

The final scoreline of 4-2 in favour of the Ansett Stars was over-shadowed by the poor refereeing performance.

## STANDINGS

James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League results:  
Valley Stars 4 Eliminator 2; Sydney Tornados 4 Brisbane Natra Bombers 3; Enduro Spartans 5 Brisbane Natra Bombers 4; Lotto All Stars 5 Sydney Tornados 4; Lotto All Stars 4 Brisbane Natra Bombers 0; Valley Stars 8 Buffalo Mets 4.

James Hardie NISL table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Lotto All Stars	4	0	0	26	12	12
Sydney Tornados	3	0	1	23	13	10
Bris Natra Bombers	2	0	3	17	13	9
Enduro Spartans	2	0	2	15	13	7
Ansett Valley Stars	2	0	2	12	6	6
Canb City Strikers	1	0	2	11	20	5
Melb Eliminator	1	0	1	9	9	4
Canberra Rockets	0	0	3	11	22	3
Mackay Monarchs	0	0	2	0	10	2
Buffalo Mets	0	0	2	9	15	2

Thomastown League table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brilliant Barbas	7	0	0	57	17	21
Manchester Excited	6	0	0	55	13	18
Furious Five	5	0	2	43	19	17
Celtics	5	0	1	62	14	15
Shamrocks	4	0	3	33	25	15
Vasco De Gama	2	0	2	21	14	11
Internazionale	2	0	4	27	29	10
Gladiators	1	0	6	14	48	9
Marazico	1	0	5	16	50	8
Gippstars	1	0	5	19	59	8
Wanderers	0	0	7	15	76	6

Top goal scorers: 34 — John Metaxas (C); 24 — P. Belegirinos (BB); 23 — G. Thalassinos (ME); 18 — P. Markakos (ME).

## Bisetto sent off in fiery NISL clash

**Ansett Stars 4  
M. Eliminators 2**

ANSETT VALLEY STARS Van Der Zalm 8; Cassar 8; Browne 7; White 6; Henderson 7; Coad 7; Tanti 6.

MELBOURNE ELIMINATORS: Terzini 8; Nogger 8; Boin 7; Kondinski 7; Micheloudakis 8; Bisetto 6; Kotziamichalis 7; Sella 6.

This NISL game started at a rapid pace but deteriorated due mainly to some bad refereeing decisions.

The Ansett Valley Stars attacked at every opportunity while the Eliminators chose to attack on the break.

Several chances fell to both teams early on with Robbie Nogger for the Eliminators having two shots saved well by Michael Van Der Zalm. The Ansett Stars

replied with shots by Peter Coad and Jimmy Henderson.

The deadlock was broken by Coad who scored following a neat series of one-twins with Henderson and Rodney White to give the Ansett team a 1-0 lead.

When Velce Kondinski intercepted a pass from Coad the crowd expected him to score but his shot was parried by Van Der Zalm. The ball rolled loose and John 'Chook' Micheloudakis was on the spot to slam home the equalizer.

Not to be denied, the Ansett Stars soon regained the lead when Coad headed down a Nigel Browne cross into the path of Henderson who made no mistake from the edge of the penalty area.

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# All-out assault by Melita



## Air Malta player of the year award

No further list of leading players will be published. The winner will be announced at the "Soccer Action" Player of the Year dinner to be held at the Fraternity club in Fairy Meadow on October 11.

● The revised Skypack State League final table:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	10	9	3	41	13	29
MANLY WARRINGAH	11	7	4	26	12	29
ROCK ILINDEN	12	4	6	43	23	28
SUTHERLAND	11	6	5	27	17	28
Ku-Ring-Gai	9	8	5	23	17	26
Macedonia Woll	7	9	6	15	15	23
Freshwater	8	5	9	31	33	21
Uruguay	6	9	7	19	24	21
Polonia	6	6	10	29	35	18
Avala	6	5	11	20	32	17
Penrith	6	2	14	31	63	14
Fairy Meadow	4	2	16	22	43	10

Results of Second Grade final round: Melita - Freshwater 2-1; Uruguay - Ku-Ring-Gai 4-2; Manly - Avala 3-0; Sutherland - Polonia 2-2; Penrith City - Rockdale Ilinden 10-1; Fairy Meadow - Macedonia Woll 9-2.

2nd Grade standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	17	4	1	60	18	38
FRESHWATER	12	5	5	44	25	29
SUTHERLAND	11	5	6	30	23	27
PENRITH CITY	11	4	7	57	36	26
Uruguay	10	5	7	48	37	25
Manly Warringah	9	7	6	34	24	25
Ku-Ring-Gai	9	4	9	34	35	22
Avala	9	2	11	30	32	20
Fairy Meadow	8	3	11	40	38	19
Macedonia Woll	6	4	12	38	55	16
Rock Ilinden	4	1	17	30	79	9

Results of Third Grade final round: Melita - Freshwater 3-0; Uruguay - Ku-Ring-Gai 4-2; Manly - Avala 4-2; Sutherland - Polonia 2-2; Penrith - Rockdale Ilinden 0-0; Fairy Meadow - Wollongong Macedonia 0-5.

3rd Grade standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SUTHERLAND	18	4	0	87	15	40
MELITA EAGLES	15	5	2	74	13	35
PENRITH CITY	15	4	3	67	21	34
ROCK ILINDEN	12	5	5	63	25	29
Manly Warringah	13	6	7	47	24	29
Avala	11	4	7	42	32	26
Uruguay	9	3	10	39	43	21
Macedonia Woll	8	3	11	31	39	19
Polonia	3	5	14	25	56	11
Ku-Ring-Gai	4	2	16	23	55	10
Freshwater	2	3	17	21	80	7
Fairy Meadow	1	2	10	13	126	3

## 2nd & 3rd Divisions

Gladesville Hornsby, second division runner-up, has come up with the goods in the elimination finals.

Yugal was knocked out by North Bankstown in a thriller, losing 5-1. To complete a day best forgotten for Yugal, its second grade side was also knocked out, losing 3-1 to Blacktown.

Last weekend's elimination finals results in Second Division:

First Grade: Nth Bankstown - Yugal 5-3; Gladesville - Kingsford 2-0.

Second Grade: Gladesville - Nth Bankstown 2-1; Blacktown Utd - Yugal 3-1.

Third Grade: Kingsford - Campbelltown 1-0; Gladesville - Blacktown 2-0.

Third Division elimination finals results:

First Grade: Granville Chile - Bondi Marine 2-1; Nth Ryde RSL - Roxy Hill 3-2.

Second Grade: Moorebank - Campbelltown 3-1; Granville Chile - Bondi Marine 4-0.

Third Grade: Baulkham Hills - West Utd 4-2; Bondi Marine - Moorebank 2-1.

2nd Division

Grade One Table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
YUGAL	16	3	3	50	20	31
GLADESVILLE	15	3	4	47	17	33
NTH BANKS	14	2	6	40	15	30
KINGSFORD	13	2	7	35	23	28
Blacktown	8	7	7	20	16	23
Dee Why	7	7	8	15	25	21
Campbelltown	7	6	9	27	26	20
Queens Park	6	9	12	28	39	19
Lebanon	6	10	25	31	18	18
Balhurst	5	7	10	15	26	17
Artarmon	4	7	11	17	34	15
Canterbury	2	1	19	11	62	5

Grade Two Table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
GLADESVILLE	17	4	1	71	21	38
BLACKTOWN	15	5	2	70	16	35
NTH BANKS	14	2	5	50	25	30
YUGAL	13	2	7	56	36	28
Queens Park	9	8	5	46	28	26
Artarmon	10	4	8	36	26	24
Kingsford	8	6	8	32	32	22
Campbelltown	6	7	10	40	39	19
Balhurst	6	6	10	25	44	18
Dee Why	5	4	13	17	39	14

Melita Eagles have all three grades in the major semis set for Sunday at Melita Stadium with the first grade side favoured to beat Manly, and the second grade side having a definite edge over Freshwater.

It is doubtful though that the Melita Eagles youngsters will have an easy game against an unbeaten Sutherland side in third grade.

Even if it fails against Sutherland, the young Melita team should win the following week to join its highly rated



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

## Unleash over Tortevski!

The NSW State League play-offs ran into serious problems and were postponed for a week after a protest by Manly Warringah led to a number of meetings of the NSW executive.

Manly protested against the use of suspended player by Avala in the match against Manly at Cromer Park in the last round of the Premiership.

After some deliberation, it was decided that Avala had committed an error and last Sunday morning the match result (1-1) was amended and Manly was given the points with a 1-0 scoreline.

It was alleged by Manly that Avala's Yugoslav import, Radak, had accrued four yellow cards before the match against Manly. Radak played, Manly protested and the semi-finals of the NSW State League now will be played this weekend.

To add to the league's problems, it took three meetings to resolve a registration wrangle regarding Rockdale Ilinden's high flying midfielder Vladimir Tortevski. He did not play in Ilinden's last two matches.

Originally registered as Zoran Tortevski by the NSW federation, Ilinden's player was later confirmed to be Vladimir tortevski and had to be properly registered under the name he played with in Yugoslavia and Holland.

However, while the Yugoslav Football Federation issued a clearance for Tortevski and insisted that he was an amateur player, the Dutch Football Federation had other ideas.

The matter has now been referred to FIFA and the NSW federation has put in a strong protest about the way the Dutch football authorities have handled the matter. According to Rockdale Ilinden's secretary, Simon Sbrinowski, the player is cleared to play in the semis and he will make sure Tortevski takes the field on Saturday.

"It is incredible that the Dutch authorities are still carrying on. It seems that they have forgotten the fact that Tortevski was an amateur and more importantly Tortevski's visa was about to expire three days before his departure for Australia. Had he overstayed his visa he would have been thrown out of the country," Sbrinowski said this week.

Despite the fact that the NSW federation has a clearance from the Yugoslav Football Federation, Rockdale Ilinden had to lodge "assurance money" with the NSWSF to allow Tortevski to play this Saturday. The money will be held in trust by the NSWSF until the matter is resolved.

According to Dutch sources a transfer fee still is owed on Tortevski!

**Unhappy Ilinden**

Rockdale Ilinden has spent a lot of money on imports in 1986.

At the end of round 22, Ilinden was a point behind the premiers, Melita Eagles, and looking forward to the match with Melita to decide which team would go straight into the Grand Final.

Manly now will play Melita Eagles in the major semi with the winner going into the Grand Final and the loser having another "bite of the cherry" against the winner of the elimination final between Rockdale and Sutherland.

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a hurdle in midfield for the likes of Ray Farrugia, Howard Tredennick, Paul McFadden and Lenny Vial.

Dragan Pupovac is playing with the poise of a veteran in goal for Melita as is Bob Catlin for Manly.

Melita's back line of Lomas, Wilson, McCoy and Williams has a fine leader in Kenny

Wilson while John Dick, Dennis, Robin and Van Egmond will be hoping to stop the likes of Farnsworth, Callanan or McFadden.

It is difficult to see Manly succeed up front as neither Allan nor McIntosh has set the league on fire this season.

Ilinden and Sutherland are in the other semi. Ilinden has more skill while Sutherland is the harder working side.

It is a "must win" situation but difficult to predict the outcome. During the first part of the season when Sutherland was an outright favourite it was Rockdale which won.



● Kenny Wilson (No. 4) is carried shoulder high by delighted fans after Melita's title success.

## EAGLES SNATCH CLUB TITLE

All three of Melita's sides are in the finals with the first and second grades winning the Minor Premiership. Melita's trophy cabinet is getting a bit small for all the hardware accumulated over the last few years.

Not only did Melita win First

Club Championship Table

Melita Eagles	145	114	70	329
Sutherland	140	81	80	301
Manly Warringah	145	75	58	278
Rock Ilinden	140	27	58	225
Uruguay	105	75	42	222
Ku-Ring-Gai	130	66	20	216
Penrith City	70	78	68	216
Freshwater	105	87	14	206
Macedonia Woll	115	48	39	201
Polonia	85	30	52	197
Avala	90	24	22	136
Fairy Meadow	50	57	6	113

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III Grade (11.00): KINGSFORD HELL. — GLADESVILLE.

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**POPONDETTA PARK: Sunday 21.9.86**  
I Grade (2.45): GRANVILLE CHILE — NTH RYDE RSL  
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Sunday 1pm**



**PETER TSOLAKIS**

### **QUALIFYING FINAL**



**CHARLIE VILLANI**

**FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.  
VS  
ADELAIDE CITY**

**Olympic Park No. 1  
Sunday 3pm**



**VLADO STOSIC**

### **NANDA CUP FINAL**



**ALAN SCOTT**

**ADELAIDE HELLAS  
VS  
SYDNEY CITY**

**Hindmarsh Stadium — Tonight  
(Wednesday) 8.00pm**



**FRANK FARINA**

## **NORTHERN DIVISION**

### **ELIMINATION FINAL**

**MARCONI vs SYDNEY CITY  
ST GEORGE STADIUM — SUNDAY 1pm**



**PETER TREDENNICK**



**GRANT LEE**

### **QUALIFYING FINAL**

**ST GEORGE vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC  
ST GEORGE STADIUM — SUNDAY 3pm**



**ANDREW KOZCKA**



**PETER RASKOPOULOS**